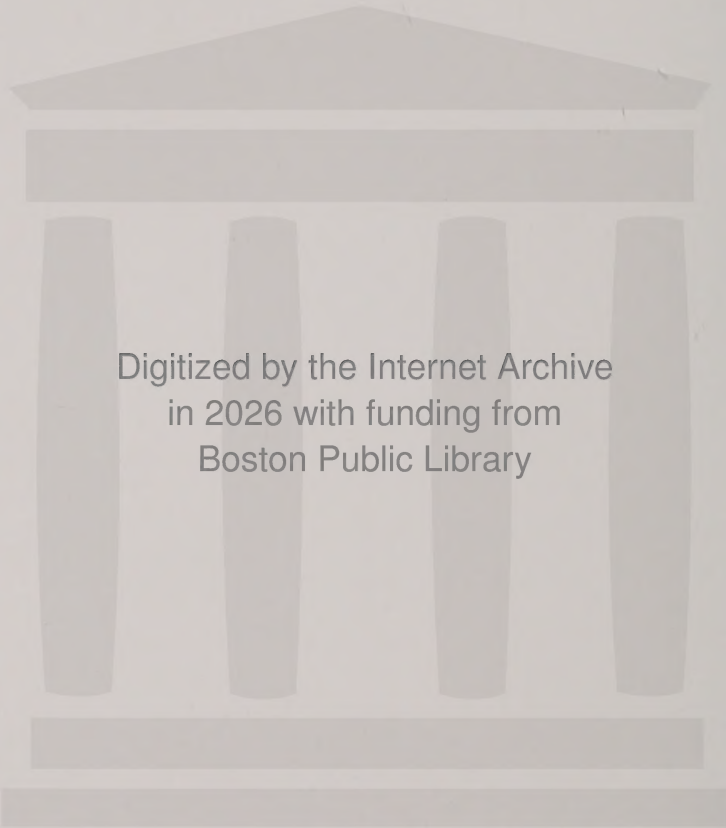


TOWN REPORT 1976



NORTHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS



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THE NORTHFIELD HOTEL

The Northfield Hotel was built in 1880 to care for visitors who came to see the Moody Activities which consisted of the Schools and Summer Conferences. It was located on the Oran Holton Farm, in back of the present Trinitarian Church. This was the reason for Holton Street being built. The original hotel was one fifth of the present size and cost \$35,000 which is the same amount as the cost of the present swimming pool. It was famous throughout the country for its unique atmosphere and being open the year round with seasonal programs.

President Theodore Roosevelt's visit here on September 1st, 1902 was a special event in the hotel's history. Famous visitors' signatures which were on the hotel register are: Theodore Roosevelt, Henry Cabot Lodge, Norman Vincent Peale, Amelia Earhart, William Jennings Bryant, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Bennett Serf, Jan Pierce and Marion Anderson. Many distinguished men of religion who attended the conferences stayed here such as Sir Wilfred Grenfell, G. Campbell Morgan, John R. Mott, Robert Speer, Charles W. Roeder, Harris Kirk and Stuart Nye Hutchinson.

For recreation there was the well known nine hole golf course with Albert Raymond as golf pro, tennis courts, swimming pool, Dickinson Pond and the famous toboggan slide at the hotel entrance.

Among the many featured entertainments over the years were the trio musicals in the hotel parlors, flower and antique shows, band concerts, and gala Fourth of July fireworks and dancing.

The hotel furnished employment for many local young men and women who were earning money for future education. Persons whom we know or remember who served many years at this institution are Ambert and Gordon Moody, Philip and Alvin Porter, Ralph Forsaith, Fred Pallam, Louis and Flora Abbey, Louis Potts, Herman White, Sinclair Sutherland, Duncan Campbell, Edwin Finch, Courtland Finch, Leonard Lanphear, Walter Wozniak, Hubert Eastman, Harold Lord, Mrs. William D. Ross, Kay Porter, Lawrence and Cynthia Collier, Bill Potter, Gerald Tessier, Violet Moody, Margaret Hayes, Marjorie and Richard Collier, Eddie Kerwin, Raymond Kervian, Jr., William Tenney, Allie Palmer, Emily Carson, Jesse Skinner, Lewis Shine, Tom and Ed Hurley, Bill Parker, Laurence Hammond, Joe Costague, Bernard Whitney and Bernard Neipp.

A branch of great service to the community and Schools was the Northfield Transfer which furnished bus, private and public livery service in conjunction with a garage. The livery service was well known to many for its tours of the Mohawk Trail and Cathedral of the Pines.

Another Northfield tradition has ended with the passing of the hotel.

Some of this writing was taken from a pamphlet prepared by Mr. Edward M. Powell for the 75th Anniversary 1888-1963 and I did the rest.

Genevieve A. Eastman

March 9, 1977

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF
OFFICERS and COMMITTEES
OF THE TOWN OF
NORTHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1976

TOWN OFFICERS
May 1976 to May 1977

MODERATOR

George M. Leonard	Term expires May 1979
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TOWN CLERK

Horace F. Field

SELECTMEN

Fernand A. Caron, Chairman	Term expires May 1978
Carolyn B. Parenteau	Term expires May 1977
Edward I. Metcalf	Term expires May 1979

ASSESSORS

Donald C. Henderson, Jr., Chairman	Term expires May 1977
Warren E. Whitney, Clerk	Term expires May 1978
William G. Roberts	Term expires May 1979

TAX COLLECTOR

Gordon W. Leavis	Term expires May 1978
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TREASURER

Grace T. Young	Term expires May 1979
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas R. Shearer, Chairman	Term expires May 1977
Rebecca J. Fowler	Term expires May 1978
Walter F. Asseng	Term expires May 1978
Chadwick T. Glover	Term expires May 1979
Mary E. Llewelyn	Term expires May 1979

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John H. Thayer	Term expires May 1978
Warren W. Blake	Term expires May 1979

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Richard A. Giles, Chairman	Term expires May 1979
Desmond S. Chambers	Term expires May 1979
Margaret Lloyd Jones	Term expires May 1978
Jon McGowan	Term expires May 1978
Mary E. Metcalf	Term expires May 1977
Susan P. Roszkowski	Term expires May 1977

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Horace F. Field	Term expires May 1977
Richard H. Bassett	Term expires May 1978
Roger E. Bassett	Term expires May 1979

TREE WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett	Term expires May 1979
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CONSTABLES

Joseph Medeiros	Term expires May 1977
Joseph G. Morgan	Term expires May 1977
Joseph J. DeMaria	Term expires May 1977
William J. Young	Term expires May 1977

PLANNING BOARD

Richard G. Parsons, Chairman	Term expires May 1981
John A. Hogan	Term expires May 1980
Ronald R. Findlay (resigned)	Term expires May 1979
Edwin H. LaMontagne (appointed)	
Arthur E. Knapp, Jr.	Term expires May 1978
Harold A. Newton	Term expires May 1977

BOARD OF HEALTH

John F. Ladd, Chairman	Term expires May 1977
Margaret M. Craig	Term expires May 1978
John F. Jurkowski	Term expires May 1979

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Allen M. Sibley, Chairman	Term expires May 1979
Edward L. Fortier	Term expires May 1978
Louis W. Koonz	Term expires May 1977

RECREATION COMMISSION

William R. Giles, Chairman	Term expires May 1978
Frank R. Foster, III	Term expires May 1978
Margaret L. Zabko	Term expires May 1978
Ruth Johnson	Term expires May 1977
Joanne F. Spencer	Term expires May 1977
Samuel A. Richardson	Term expires May 1979
Edith G. Waaser	Term expires May 1979

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dwight P. Stearns, Chairman	Term expires July 1979
Robert Johnston	Term expires July 1979
Stanley J. Powers	Term expires July 1978
Paul Mayberry	Term expires July 1978
Charles W. Llewelyn, Jr.	Term expires July 1977
Edward M. Powell, Jr.	Term expires July 1977

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Marian A. Holbrook

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Gilbert S. Hammond	Term expires May 1977
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HEALTH INSPECTOR

Antonio P. Tosi

PLUMBING INSPECTORS

Frederick D. MacNeill

Everon P. Pollen

APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN for 1977

ACCOUNTANT

Ethel D. Fowler

Term expires July 1978

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Clesson M. Field, Jr. (resigned)

Floyd M. Dunnell, III (appointed)

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

Edward Davis

CAPTAIN

David G. Quinn, Sr.

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Edward Davis

Dennis Williams

Ernest Lawrence

CHIEF OF POLICE

Brian J. Scott

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Joseph J. DeMaria

Dwight P. Stearns

Davis A. Miller

William J. Young

James B. O'Shea

Shirley A. Thompson

Henry C. Hertsch

James Lake, Bernardston
Chief

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

David G. Quinn, Sr.

Harold L. Johnson

David G. Quinn, Jr.

Edward M. Powell, Jr.

John D. Ware

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Henry C. Hertsch

Term expires May 1977

GYPSY MOTH AGENT

Richard H. Bassett

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Thomas J. Russell, Jr.

Robert L. Huber

Edward M. Shea, Jr.

James P. Ryan

Frank S. Kelley

Edward S. Dwight

Domenic J. Ferrante

Rita Medeiros

Dorothy Banash

Edward Connors, Jr.

Warren E. Whitney

FIELD DRIVERS AND FENCE VIEWERS

James E. Dresser, Jr.

Fredd M. Fuller

Paul T. Gorzocoski

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND TIMBER

James E. Dresser

DOG OFFICER

Frances T. Stillman

FOREST WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett

1976-1977 JURY LIST

Edward C. Bolton
Fernand A. Caron
Henri R. DeRomoet
Dorothy A. Gibson
Helen N. Greene
R. Kenneth Leach

Mary E. Metcalf
Evelyn H. Parker
Joyce A. Roberts
Owen Stacey
Natalie L. Tunison
Robert Williams, Jr.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Doris S. Balk
John A. Hogan
Laurence M. Hammond (resigned)
R. Kenneth Leach (appointed)

Term expires May 1979
Term expires May 1978
Term expires May 1977

ELECTION OFFICERS

James R. Dale
Catherine E. Gilbert
Helen M. Greene

Ann P. James
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Helen M. Stearns

SUBSTITUTE ELECTION OFFICERS

Dolores R. Avery
Mary L. Holton

Mychaeline H. Skinner
Dorena G. Johnson

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Fred Avery (resigned)
Harold A. Briesmaster (appointed)
William A. Knipe
Elizabeth V. Giles
Irwin M. Severance, Chairman
Richard Lawson (resigned)
Michael J. Whiteman (appointed)
Carolyn M. Spencer (resigned)
Shirley Carson

Term expires May 1979
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Term expires May 1977

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Edward Davis

Term expires June 1977

INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING & GAS APPLIANCES

Howard E. Williams (resigned)
Frank S. Turner (appointed)

Term expires Dec. 1977

WIRING INSPECTOR

James R. Dale (resigned)

Term expired Dec. 1976

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Rosa S. Johnston, Chairman	Term expires June 1977
Evelyn H. Parker	Term expires June 1977
Patricia E. Shearer	Term expires June 1977
Harold Carroll	Term expires June 1978
Doris S. Balk	Term expires June 1978
Grace Randall	Term expires June 1979
Laurence M. Hammond	Term expires June 1979

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Hubert J. Eastman, Chairman	Term expires Jan. 1977
Virginia E. Leach	Term expires Jan. 1977
Helen Monroe	Term expires Jan. 1977
Agnes G. Caron	Term expires Jan. 1977
Donald Finch (deceased)	Term expires Jan. 1977
Carol O'Brien (appointed)	

BOARD OF APPEALS

Harvey H. Hatheway, Chairman (resigned)	Term expires Dec. 1980
Stanley Gorzocoski	Term expires Dec. 1979
Evelyn U. True	Term expires Dec. 1978
Robert G. Barnes	Term expires Dec. 1977
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PLANNING BOARD-BOARD OF APPEALS

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Actions taken by your Board of Selectmen during 1976 have been guided by a policy best described in two words: Openness and involvement. We have tried to stimulate public awareness of the realities of Town management, and to encourage more participation in resolving public questions. We have tried to be as responsive as we can to all citizens' needs. And, we believe, some progress has been made this year in this direction.

This policy and its consequences is reflected, we think, in many of the reports which follow. But there's still plenty of room for improvement. Lines of communication within and beyond Northfield's governing framework require further strengthening.

To this end in 1976, the Selectmen have met frequently (together and separately) with Town boards and elected officials. We have held Special Town Meetings in matters of unusual urgency to carry out the public's will. And we have appointed a number of special study committees to provide us with the facts we need for intelligent decision-making.

All too often these days, we find our actions limited, and our resources committed, by State or Federal mandate. We're told, in effect, to provide more services with the same, or lesser, amounts of State or Federal revenue. While it's our duty to protest such circumstances, we must still face the facts - and work within the system. That is why we must remain alert for special funding opportunities like the Public Works Employment Act. In no other way are we likely to be able to secure funds for capital improvement projects.

Someday, perhaps, we'll regain more control over our Town's destiny. Meanwhile, a certain amount of consolidation, together with prudent management, appears necessary for our survival. In this effort, there are no more necessary ingredients than the informed responses and active involvement of all of Northfield's concerned citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Fernand A. Caron, Chairman
Carolyn B. Parenteau
Edward I. Metcalf

Board of Selectmen

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Highway Department has made gains in the organization and maintenance areas through basic management and a Town mechanic. Tax monies saved via the above has been extraordinary.

A weather service for the months of December, January and February has proven extremely valuable in constant weather updating and reduction in overtime due to the advanced information on storms.

Gulf Road repairs will continue in 1977 along with drainage work on Pine Meadow Road, Warwick Road, East Northfield Road, Pine Street, Beers Plain Road and South Mountain Road.

The Highway Department extends an invitation to all Northfield residents to visit the Highway Department and offer suggestions for road drainage, safety, and internal Department improvements. The Department employees wish to thank the residents for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry C. Hertsch
Highway Superintendent

BUILDING COMMISSION REPORT

Jan. 1, 1976 to Dec. 31, 1976

Building Permits issued - 96

Certificate of Inspection Permits issued - 40

Fees Waived - 11

Demolitions - 9

	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Certificate of Inspection Permits		\$1,037.00
New Dwellings	\$184,500.	197.30
Additions, Alterations & Repairs	102,812.	211.00
Misc. Sheds, Barns & etc.	6,600.	110.00
Structures other than buildings (swimming pools)	10,500.	25.00
Demolitions		180.00
Non-Resident	47,950.	120.50
Commercial, garage	600.	10.00
Garages, resident	8,275.	30.00
Chimneys & Fireplace repairs	2,710.	40.00
Special Business permits	6,950.	65.00
Total Costs	<u>\$370,897.</u>	
Total Fees Collected for Town		\$2,025.80

Property & Permit Inspections - 131

Court Case Appearances & Filing Complaints - 6

Special Monthly Meetings attended at Shelburne Falls

District #11 - 9

Special Meetings at Town Hall with State & Local Officials - 46

Inspections made with State Inspector & Selectmen - 18

Regular Saturday & Wednesday Office Hours at Town Hall - 102

The general cooperation of the townspeople in obtaining permits and abiding by the codes, has been very good. It has been a pleasure to serve this Town as Building Official.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Davis
Building Commissioner

SEWER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The past year has been a little more troublesome than in the past.

Our equipment at the plant is approximately 5 years old and starting to wear considerably. We have had a few high costs for maintenance because of use.

We are certain more costly maintenance will be coming, so we have requested another \$1,000.00 in our budget for this purpose.

At this time we have just received EPA approval for our Step 2 Grant Procedures. It enables us to start televising the inside of sewers to determine the extent of leaks. Construction of East Street sewer and resealing projects will be in progress by late summer.

Sewer Commissioners still meet regularly the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and is always open for suggestions or criticism. Please feel free to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen M. Sibley, Chairman
Edward Fortier, Clerk
Louis Koonz

Sewer Commissioners

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The year 1976 saw the largest single yearly increase in the number of calls to the Police Department. The increase was approximately 15%. This increase does not necessarily denote an increase in criminal activities; it simply reflects an increase in the calls to the Department for any reason.

The year 1976 was a busy year for the Department as well as a difficult year personally for me. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to both the work and support my officers have given me in the past year. Their efforts, both professionally and personally, will never be forgotten.

The following is the report of police activities for the year 1976:

Registration Checks	100	Breaking & Entering,	
Animal Calls	85	Larceny	18
Assault & Battery	5	Vandalism	22
Disturbed Persons	10	Hit & Runs	4
Citations	90	Accidents	65
Bad Checks	17	VIN Checks	9
Assist Motorist	3	Miscellaneous	1469
Unsecured Buildings	3	Arson	3
Suspicious Persons	30	Disturbance Calls	50
Drug Offenses	7	Breaking & Entering	9
Larceny	35	Burglar Alarms	28
Missing Persons	13	Family Problems	28
Summons	90	Radar Stops	100
House Checks	46	Assist Other Police Depts.	10

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Scott
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The Northfield Fire Department responded to a total of sixty-nine calls last year. These calls are itemized as follows:

Structural Fires	3
Electrical Fires	9
Chimney Fires	10
Vehicles Fires	8
Vehicle Accidents	5
Arson	2
Furnace Malfunctions	3
Grass Fires	8
Forest Fires	2
Dump Fires	6
Mutual Aid Calls	3
False Alarm	1
Miscellaneous	9

Due to more and more townspeople supplanting their home heating with wood burning stoves and fireplaces, the Fire Department responded to a number of chimney fires again this year. Also there was a slight increase in the number of grass and forest fires this year. This I feel was due to the dry conditions we experienced this spring.

As you may know, I have been the Fire Chief for only nine months of the past year. I was elected and appointed to this position, the first part of April, after the resignation of C. M. Field, Jr.

I would like at this time to thank the officers and men of the department for their support given me as their new Chief. Also, I would like to impress on the Town, the fine job done by these men in providing fire protection for the community.

This year I have initiated more training for the members. This training is in addition to our own forty hours we have at the station. Six men attended Meadowood Fire School in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire. Others attended a Massachusetts Firefighting Academy course in Greenfield, and we were involved in an auto extrication course held here in Town. We are presently involved in a sixty hour first aid course. I want to mention, all this time does not cost the Town anything. These men give up their own free time so they can do their job of firefighting a little better.

At the Annual Town Meeting the Department will request an article for a new pumper. We would like to impress upon the townspeople the need for this truck, to continue the level of fire protection they deserve.

The Department's first line pumper is now 24 years old. Some parts are still available while others take weeks and sometimes months to find. The Town should consider the 'down time' of the vehicle in which the firefighting capacity of the Department is dropped drastically! Also, there comes a point in time where economics and reliability of a vehicle are involved. When the Department responds to an emergency call, all equipment must be in top working order, reliable and dependable. The first few minutes of a fire situation determine the next few hours. For these reasons we have asked this

article to be presented to the townspeople for their decision.

In Fire Station repairs, I am glad to report that the roof has been reshingled with snow belts installed on each side. Also the exterior of the building was spruced up with a paint job.

Finally, I would like to thank the Police Department, Highway Department, Selectmen, Building Inspector, and all other departments and committees that have helped in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Dunnell, III
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Again this year, as in past years, a numerous amount of burning permits were issued between March 15 and April 15.

Unfortunately the last two weeks of the burning period, no burning permits were granted due to the extremely dry conditions that existed in the area.

During this time we were plagued with grass and brush fires. We also had one forest fire of approximately five acres in the Hell's Kitchen area, in which three area towns and the State Forestry Department helped us in controlling.

I would like to thank my Deputy Wardens for helping me through the past year.

I would also like to express my appreciation to those townspeople who reported the fires quickly and gave us exact locations, helping us to keep the fire damage to a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Dunnell, III
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY INSPECTOR

Fire drills were conducted in all the schools within the Town.

Also, all public buildings were inspected for extinguishers, exits, emergency lighting and storage of hazardous materials.

All new homes under construction were inspected for the installation and location of smoke detectors.

Other permits issued were for oil burners, oil storage, gasoline storage, blasting permits and permits for the storage of model rocket fuel and gun powder.

I would like at this time to encourage people to install a smoke detector in their existing home. Most fire deaths and injuries occur in domestic dwellings during the sleeping hours. Smoke detec-

tors will activate at the incipient stage of a fire, even before flames are present. They are a small investment compared to the life and safety of you and your family.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Dunnell, III
Public Safety Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During 1976, the Planning Board experienced a complete change in membership resulting in delayed scheduling for finishing the Master Plan. Present schedules call for completion and release to the Town prior to the 1977 Town Meeting.

Meeting on a weekly basis, policy positions in all major aspects of the Town's future growth and development have been formulated. Writing the report and arranging for printing remains to be done.

At the 1976 Town Meeting, five articles were presented for Town action. These included a By-Law change relative to lot sizes and frontage requirements which passed; a one-year extension of the multiple housing moratorium was approved; two study committees for capital budgeting and a Town administrator were approved and appointed; and a proposal for scenic road designation was rejected.

Long and tedious negotiations with the Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife have not as yet resulted in a satisfactory agreement for the establishment or management of a wildlife facility in Bennett Meadow.

The problem of riverbank erosion was taken to Northeast Utilities and the Federal Power Commission in a cooperative effort with other towns and concerned organizations. The result is an extensive effort by Northeast Utilities to correct the problem.

On-going review of maps and procedural requirements are necessary to maintain eligibility for flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Act and to insure that all maps and regulations are appropriate for Northfield.

The proposal of a natural gas pipeline to pass through Northfield and other continuing projects portend a heavy work load for 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Parsons
Chairman

John A. Hogan
Edwin H. LaMontagne
Arthur E. Knapp, Jr.
Harold A. Newton

Planning Board

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

During the past year the Board met on five occasions to consider requests for variances and/or special permits, with the following results:

Conditional Special Permits or Variances granted	6
Requested Permits or Variances denied	3

The Board met once to hear an appeal against a decision of the Town Building official; in this instance, the Building Inspector's decision was confirmed by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Members:

Robert G. Barnes
Edward C. Bolton
Stanley Gorzocoski
Evelyn U. True
Harvey H. Hatheway, Chairman

Associate Members:

Desmond S. Chambers
R. Kenneth Leach
Alvin H. Scott

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1976. This past year, 23 trees had to be removed, being dead or a hazard to the streets or highways. We also trimmed trees of dead wood along some of the streets.

This spring and fall, 18 trees were planted along our streets. Flowers were planted in front of the Town Hall, Water Fountain, Alexander Hall, V.F.W. Hall, West Northfield Playground flagpole, Fire Station, and on stumps.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Bassett
Tree Warden

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During the year, 40 diseased Elm trees were removed. There were 35 samples taken and sent to the Shade Tree Laboratories for culture. A total of 35 trees were found positive, and they should be removed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men in my department for their splendid cooperation in helping me carry out the various programs this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Bassett
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

Forty-three dogs were picked up - twenty-nine were returned to owners. Fourteen were put down. Nine were run over and were picked up and buried. The road department helped in this.

Ten abandoned puppies were taken to the Vet and put down - also, one injured dog.

All dogs were without licenses and had been lost for some time. It would greatly help if the Leash Law was enforced. In many towns dog owners are fined for letting their dogs foul the foot paths, and I note this condition on Main Street, which must be unpleasant for the residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances T. Stillman
Dog Officer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Northfield Historical Commission is proud to report a most productive year of work on the preservation of and the extension of knowledge of Northfield's past.

We initiated the first scientific study of the anthropological and archaeological significances of the Northfield area. The study was done in cooperation with Dr. Dena Dincauze of the Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Many sections of the Town were surveyed in 1976 and the study will continue in this summer of 1977. The published report does not detail the exact sites and locations of Pre-historic, Woodland or Historical period cultural remains in Northfield.

The report from the University says:-

"because of the public nature of Town records, we believe that our concern for site preservation and our responsibilities to the landowners are best served by this policy of only general disclosure."

The local Historical Commission concurs with this philosophy. The general report is available for interested residents to read on request to the Commission. We urge townspeople to read the report in order that they may be informed on the new evidences of our cultural past.

The following are only general and selected excerpts from the document:

In the introduction it says:-

"Our purpose is not only to 'find' prehistoric sites but to understand their distributions. Understanding --explanation-- is a much more demanding process than discovery, and can be achieved only through the application of scientific investigation."

The crews of University staff and students did observe remains of some kind on land in Northfield Farms, Northfield Center and in West Northfield. In one area in the Farms it was deduced that it was occupied during the Late Archaic period, or approximately 5000 to 3000 years ago. Evidence also indicated occupation in some sections of Northfield Center during the Woodland period i.e. 3000 years ago which continued until the native peoples left the area. Some West Northfield locations were confirmed as Pre-historic sites; the evidence pointed to Archaic period occupation and little subsequent Pre-historic use.

Of special interest to the community are the conclusions reached on the public-town-owned area of King Philip's Hill.

It showed-"Some limited evidence for Pre-historic use of the area...There is a good possibility for an antiquity of 6000 to 8000 years for the materials which would therefore be a great deal older than the ditches. The extensive ditch and bank features of King Philip's Hill were investigated by both survey and excavation techniques. Our research disclosed no evidence whatsoever to link the features with native American activities of any period. At this stage of the investigation we believe that they are the remains of old land divisions from the second settlement. If this interpretation can be confirmed, these features, and their extensions both north and south from the conservation area, are precious historical evidence entirely worthy of continued preservation and study."

Along with soil tests, natural vegetative studies and consideration of topographic factors, the University staff made extensive use of local collections of native American artifacts. Over 600 items were inventoried and catalogued by University personnel.

The report says:-"the collections we examined provide the best information we could get this year on the dates of site utilization. It is the collections which most help to "flesh out" the human story of Northfield's pre-history as we currently perceive it."

In conclusion the report suggests study be continued in various sections of Town and urges research be done on Northfield's second settlement boundaries, and the location and identification of historical period remains of business and industry within the Town.

A caution to the community is extended in the report:-

"There is no protection, through the agency of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, against further damage to the sites by private persons, whether land-owners or landuses...The Historical Commission could also exert some moral persuasion toward discouraging digging by untrained people for any purposes....The Historical Commission is advised to investigate any proposed soil-moving activities within the Town, checking for the existence of sites before they are totally obliterated."

On the field study project, the Commission sees its primary role and responsibility as liason between archaeological and historical evidence within the community and the scholar. We would like to express appreciation to the owners of land and artifacts who cooperated in the '76 Study and to urge other persons with evidence of the past to bring it forward for study and interpretation, in order that we may learn more of the early occupation and the lifestyle of the native peoples of our Town.

Another major project undertaken by the Commission was the study-inventory of significant architecture in Northfield. The Heritage Committee of Northfield Fortnightly has done the major work of research and compilation of data for the state and local records. This is a continuing project and most important if Northfield is to be recognized as a Town of architectural and historical significance. Because of the work of the Heritage group the Northfield Main Street is eligible to apply for appointment to the National Register of Historic Places. The Commission has also requested the Selectmen to start the process for the designation of Historical District for the Main Street. These two programs provide the most comprehensive plan for the preservation of the architecture and the character of Main Street.

To assist the Heritage Committee and the Commission in its study of 'the Street' and in obtaining the mentioned designations, we were pleased to receive monetary support from the Franklin County Planning Department. This grant will be matched with local funds to be donated by the Historical Commission, the Northfield Planning Board, the Historical Society, and the Heritage Committee. The Conway School of Landscape Design's Northfield Team has agreed to be consultants and advisors on this study. This group of four graduate students will add their expertise and expanded view of preservation to the project of protection of our Main Street.

A windshield survey of the Town taken by the Commission reveals twenty-four 18th century homes (Main Street has 13), one hundred sixty 19th century homes and buildings (Main Street has 74), and a number of early 20th century homes and buildings. Our goal is a record of the architectural and historical significance of each of these structures.

Last June four large pieces of cannon were brought to the Town Hall by Brannin Russell of the Renaissance Community. The pieces were identified, by members of the University of Massachusetts Department of Anthropology, as pieces of 18th century cannon. The combined pieces weighed approximately 200 lbs. and are part of a so-called 'great cannon' which could weigh 3000 lbs. and be about 6 feet long. No more pieces were found in a mid-June search by the Commission. A second search was rained out in October. It is now planned to make another hunt in the spring of '77. One tenuous diary reference to a 'great gun' being in Northfield has been found. Before any conclusions can be drawn, more pieces of the cannon need to be found and the written records need to be researched. The Commission is indebted to Mr. Peter Thomas and Mr. William Huber for their efforts in identification of and in the search for more pieces of the cannon, and to Mr. John Pollard for his support and cooperation on this historical endeavor.

Besides the regular open monthly meetings of the Commission, two public forums were held in the Town Hall. Mr. Walter Harrington reported on the archaeological dig at Fort Dummer and Ms. Christine Boulding of the Massachusetts Historical Commission discussed the role of a community based preservation program.

The Commission prepared a photographic exhibit of Revolutionary era Town documents as their contribution to the Bicentennial Celebration. This was displayed at the Town Hall, Dickenson Library, Field Library, Talcott Library, and Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Seven Commission members and a \$175.00 budget could not have accomplished the quality and quantity of work reported here without the cooperation and support of many local and area persons and organizations. Our hope is for continuing and more of these joint-venture projects of real significance to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Commission members:

Doris Balk, Treasurer
Harold Carroll
Laurence Hammond
Rosa Johnston, Chairman
Evelyn Parker, Secretary
Grace Randall
Patricia Shearer

ANNUAL REPORT NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

In keeping with its goals of providing recreational opportunities for the citizens of this Town, the Northfield Recreation Commission continued to evaluate the needs of the Town, upgrading and altering programs as necessary during 1976.

During the course of the year, members of the Commission visited several other towns' recreational facilities and talked with officials in many areas. The information gained from these interviews together with opinions solicited from townspeople enabled us to draw up a plan for a recreational facility for Northfield. This plan was made public at a Special Town Meeting in November which asked for permission to apply for federal funds. This proposed facility included lighted tennis courts together with a basketball court, a lighted softball-little league field, a swimming pool with separate diving and wading areas, a bath house and all-purpose building, horseshoe pits, shuffleboard courts, picnic tables, an amphitheater, hiking trails, and playground equipment. Even though the Town did not receive funding at this time for this project it is hoped that we will be able to build all or part of these facilities in the future. We feel very strongly that the facilities included would provide the majority of the citizenry with recreational opportunities not now readily available. We also feel strongly that these are the types of activities that a large portion of our citizens would take part in.

The first major undertaking of the year was a winter carnival. It was hoped that with success this could become an annual event. Many activities were planned for the weekend with several town groups helping and taking part. Even though the weatherman did not cooperate, a good time was had by all who attended the dance, "Snowball", and the movie, The Sting. We continued our program of Saturday afternoon movies for the children in town, but a disappointing turnout necessitated a hard look at these for the future. In addition to these winter activities we also helped to support a basketball tournament.

Our very successful summer program found itself under the leadership of two young people from town who were new to the program here but well educated in the area and with experience in several other towns in similar programs. With the change in directors came a new type of programming. This consisted of three weeks of afternoon playground in a day camp type of setting (wilderness) at Kiwanis Park and three weeks of morning playground in a traditional playground setting. It was the goal of the directors for the children to gain a sense of value toward each other and toward the environment, to have something worthwhile to do, and to have fun. We certainly felt that the directors together with their very capable staff were able to achieve these goals with our first through sixth graders who participated in the program. Many weekend activities together with several trips will long be remembered by the children taking part.

In addition to the summer playground program the Recreation Commission helped with the annual bike-a-thon, ran the American Red Cross swimming lessons and provided bus transportation to a Red Sox ball game. Our tennis instruction and tennis tournament continued to be very well received by the townspeople.

The fall brought the renewal of the flag football program for the young men in town. We were fortunate to be able to have use of the Meany Gym and Pool through the fall and together with the CAC made volleyball, basketball, exercise programs, and swimming available. Being unable to secure tickets to Tanglewood this summer we were able to provide the opportunity for several citizens to attend a John Denver concert.

Cold weather brought the offer of the use of the Northfield Inn pond for skating and with it some unanticipated problems for the Commission. Unfortunately we weren't able to solve all of our problems this winter, and skating has been at a minimum, but we hope to be able to secure the pond's use another year and provide a better winter of skating next year.

The end of the year brought about the closing of the Northfield Inn and the possibility of the use of its land by the Town of Northfield. This necessitated some serious study into the land area and its possibilities which brings us to a new year and much work and study anticipated.

Through the course of this year we have tried to provide recreational possibilities for the people of Northfield. Some of you have taken part while many of you have not. In an effort to provide the greatest opportunities for the largest number of citizens we would

welcome, even encourage, comments and suggestions from you the citizens of this fine town.

This year saw the end of service on the Commission of Lee Dresser, Sally Lindgren and Martin Livingstone. We would like to express our thanks to these three for the service they have rendered and especially to Sally for the many, many years of unselfish service she has given to the Commission. At this time we would also like to thank all of those who have volunteered their time and effort in carrying out our programs, the schools for the use of equipment and facilities, the Kiwanis Club for the use of their park, those employees who made the summer program the resounding success that it was, and to the Town officials who helped us carry out our programs.

Respectfully submitted,

William Giles, Chairman

Randy Foster

Ruth Johnson

Sam Richardson

Joanne Spencer

Edith Waaser

Margaret Zabko

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the past year the activities of the Conservation Commission continued to increase, and among those activities were the following:

Decision to sponsor a Northfield student from PVRs to attend a camp seminar on conservation problems in the Spring of 1977. Meeting with Mr. Hugh Watts, project coordinator of the Berkshire-Franklin Resource, Conservation & Development Project to discuss proposals for King Philip's Hill, including markers, trails and bound monuments at the corners of the property, while preserving the natural and historic quality of the site so that it will be available to the present and future inhabitants of the Town. The Commission will not recommend the start of any King Philip's Hill project until completion of a study of the site in 1977. This study was begun in 1976 at the request of the Northfield Historic Commission, and is being directed by Dr. Dena F. Dincauze, Dean of Anthropology of the University of Massachusetts.

The Commission met with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works relative to the reconstruction of Route 63 at the south end of Main Street; and with consulting engineers from Tighe & Bond concerning the proposed extension of the Northfield Sewer System. Approval was given for the Route 63 project; during 1977 and 1978 the Commission will be asked to approve various aspects of the sewer extension project.

In July, the Commission approved the removal of beaver from the Schell Pool area under the direction of the Connecticut Valley Wild-

life District to reduce the amount of backed-up water which was causing problems in the area.

During the Fall, the Commission met with representatives of Northeast Utilities in an informational meeting dealing with the Northeast Utilities proposals to stabilize the eroding banks of the Connecticut River.

Late in the year, the Commission gave approvals to the proposed addition to Center School, and the proposed new Town garage and salt storage facility. Conservation Commission approvals of this kind require a finding that a proposal is not in violation of General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40.

The Commission would like to express its regret at the passing away of member John Greene, and its appreciation of his contribution to the work of the Commission. The Commission would also like to express its appreciation for the participation of members Peter Ladzinski, whose term expired in 1976, and Richard Lawson, who resigned during the year. Elizabeth Giles, William Knipe and Michael Whiteman were appointed to the Commission during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Irwin Severance, Chairman
Fred Avery
Carolyn Spencer
Shirley Carson
Elizabeth Giles
William Knipe
Michael Whiteman

REPORT OF NORTHFIELD BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

To The Citizens of Northfield:

I hereby submit my report as Chairman of the Northfield Bicentennial Commission.

During the year 1976 we had the following Bicentennial events:

Bicentennial play, "In Washington's Time" at Pioneer Valley Regional School. The scenery of the play was presented to the school in memory of one of our members and the play coach, Mr. Donald Finch.

Two day visit of Central Vermont Diesel Locomotive #1776 which was viewed by 500 people.

Bicentennial Ball at Pioneer Valley Regional School Gym. Citizens attending in costume.

Free public band concert at Pioneer Valley Regional School, music by the Springfield Shriners' Band and sponsored by Harmony Lodge of Masons.

The 180th anniversary of signing of Harmony Lodge of Masons' charter by Paul Revere on June 15th. Roy A. Barrows of Northfield and Wilbur H. Tracy of Springfield, members of the Lodge, receiving

their 50-year Veteran medals on this occasion. President Gerald R. Ford sent telegrams to these members.

Your chairman and members represented our town at Bicentennial parades and related events in Nashua, Keene, Hinsdale, Winchester, Turners Falls, and Orange.

We appreciate being asked to serve on this Commission and thank all those who assisted us in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

Hubert J. Eastman, Chairman
Virginia Leach
Helen Monroe
Agnes Caron
Carol O'Brien

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

In last year's report we tried to point out some of the things we felt needed doing in order to maintain or improve the library's services to the community. High on our list of priorities was the provision of more adequate space for our children's programs. In May you supported our article for funding this project and at the time of writing this report the renovation work seems to be progressing nicely. The children's room itself is nearly completed and we are happy with it. It will provide most attractive and functional space for the children's work. To meet proper safety standards we had to make a number of other changes in the entrances and hallways including such things as fire doors, emergency lighting and alarm systems. Additionally we have provided two new toilets and are redoing the walls of the hall and stairway. We appreciate your support in making these changes possible and hope that you will take time to stop in at the library and see for yourself what an improvement it makes. The work should be done by late March.

The Friends of the Library have taken on the projects of financing the furnishing of the children's room and carpeting for the stairway. Students at Pioneer Valley Regional High School, under the direction of Mr. Linwood Wallace, have agreed to build most of the furnishings for the room without charge, except for the cost of material. We are very happy with this arrangement believing that it is a good example of how several groups in a community can work together to meet their needs with benefit to all. We are most grateful to both groups.

A new electrical service has been installed replacing the outmoded old one and rather extensive electrical work has been done in both the newly renovated portions of the library and in other sections where it was badly needed.

We have had some problems with the heating plant, not entirely unexpected, and at the time of writing this report it seems likely that replacement of the furnace will have to be our next high priority item. When we do that, we would like to change the present system to a zoned system so that certain sections of the library can

be heated independently of others. We believe the time has come to make more effective use of the space on the second floor and heating that area is a necessary first step. This might furnish relief for a number of committees and other groups in town who have been experiencing difficulty lately in finding places to hold their meetings, as well as giving us at the library the capacity for expanding our services.

Another high priority item will be the renovations on the second floor necessary to meet current safety code requirements. This will chiefly involve installation of emergency lighting and changes in the fire escape exits. These changes are essential to any extensive use of the space upstairs.

During the year we applied for and received a federal grant of about \$1,300 for equipment, most of which was in the general area of audiovisual materials. These will probably get the most use in our children's programs, but should be useful in some others as well.

We believe there has been improvement in our programs involving cooperation between the Center Elementary School and the library this year and we feel this is particularly important since the school has no library of its own. We look forward to continued upgrading of this joint program as we move into our new facility. The children's story hour for pre-schoolers continues to be popular as does the women's discussion group which meets concurrently with the story hour. The summer evening movie programs shown by the Friends of the Library and featuring films from the thirties was popular in spite of some difficulties with the sound system. Hopefully this can be largely corrected before another summer. Consideration is being given to other kinds of programs that might be interesting and enjoyable to the community and we welcome any suggestions you may have.

We are making a study preparatory to establishing some new book purchasing policies and we need your help in letting us know what kinds of books, magazines and other library materials you would like to see added to our collections. The questionnaires which some of you filled out and returned have been most helpful and we hope that those who didn't get to complete one of these forms will let either the library staff or one of the board members know what you like and don't like.

Finally, we all appreciate the support and encouragement which so many of you have given us in our attempts to keep the library moving in the direction of providing more and better service to the town it serves. With this kind of support from you and our town officials along with the continued dedication of the librarians and other library staff we look forward to an even better year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Trustees, Dickinson Library

Richard Giles, Chairman

Desmond Chambers

Margaret Jones

Jon McGowan

Mary Metcalf

Susan Roszkowski

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT 1976

Circulation of Library Materials:

Adult and Juvenile books	20,118
Bookmobile (Adult and Juvenile)	3,228
Interlibrary loan	19
Books for extended classroom use	108
Adult and Juvenile Magazines	1,951
Phonograph records	697
Jigsaw puzzles	143
	<u>26,264</u>

Books in circulation

Added by purchase or gift	700
Withdrawn	<u>326</u>
Total books in circulation	15,427
(Does not include paperback books; several hundred of these are added and withdrawn each year.)	

Total number of adult borrowers	1,200
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Receipts paid to Town Treasurer

Fines	\$473.28
Lost or damaged books	8.69
Children's book sale	<u>29.00</u>
	\$510.97

Equipment added

Purchased with Federal Funds (LSCA)
16 mm sound film projector
Large wall screen
Portable screen
Film strip projector
Small calculator
Gift of Lions Club
Cassett tape recorder and playback
Purchased with trust funds
2 cassette players

Respectfully submitted,

Martha C. Peterson
Librarian

BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT
Fiscal year ending June 30, 1977

RECAPITULATION

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

(1) To be raised by Taxation	\$1,210,985.63	
(2) To be taken from Available Funds	<u>191,233.51</u>	\$1,402,219.14

School Lunch Program	2,269.32	
Free Public Libraries	986.63	
Veterans District Services	3,029.51	
County Retirement System	<u>19,934.00</u>	26,219.46

COUNTY TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

County Tax	<u>65,959.04</u>	65,959.04
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STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

State Recreation Areas	10,789.20	
1977 Est. \$10,662.77		
1976 Under Est. \$126.43		
Audit of Municipal Accounts	174.99	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	384.30	
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control	315.48	
Special Education	<u>4,049.00</u>	15,712.97

Overlay of Current Year	<u>20,635.65</u>	
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		\$1,530,746.26

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Cherry Sheet Receipts	227,397.27	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	87,958.97	
Licenses	4,219.65	
Fines	1,155.00	
General Government	7,053.15	
Protections of Persons & Property	63.00	
Health and Sanitation	5,365.12	
Highways	1,240.00	
School (local receipts of School Committee)	36.00	
Libraries (local receipts other than State Aid)	345.13	
Veterans Benefits	1,066.73	
Cemeteries	210.00	
Farm animal, Machinery & Equipment Excise	2,850.63	
Interest Income	23,131.01	
Public Service Enterprises (Sewer Dept.)	<u>15,577.75</u>	377,669.41
Overestimates: County Tax	5,761.65	
Special Education	1,237.00	
Air Pollution Control	<u>189.77</u>	7,188.42

Available Funds and Free Cash	<u>316,233.51</u>	316,233.51
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS AND ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		<u>701,091.34</u>
TOTAL NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY		<u>\$ 829,654.92</u>

FISCAL YEAR 1977 TAX RATE	\$31.00 PER \$1,000.00 VALUATION	
	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Tax</u>
Total Personal Property	\$ 3,607,834	\$ 111,842.85
Total Real Estate	<u>23,155,228</u>	<u>717,812.07</u>
TOTAL P/P AND R/E	\$ 26,763,062	\$ 829,654.92

Approximately each \$26,800 appropriated at the annual Town Meeting represents \$1.00 on the tax rate.

COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE

School Tax Rate	69%	\$ 21.34
General Tax Rate	<u>31%</u>	<u>9.66</u>
TOTAL TAX RATE	100%	\$ 31.00

ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 1976

Levy of	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Motor Vehicles	\$141.00	\$1,440.93	\$6,304.93	
Real & Personal Estate				\$ 2,554.40
Elderly Exemptions			975.90	16,197.15
Veterans Exemptions				4,165.00

Number of Motor Vehicles Taxed	1947
Total Excise on Motor Vehicles	\$ 82,896.28
Total Assessed Valuation	\$1,137,760.00

Motor Vehicle Incomplete - Compiled to December 31, 1976

We, the Board of Assessors, would like to express our thanks to all citizens and town officials for the cooperation and courtesy extended to the Board during the past year.

We are continuing our equalizing program and by this printing we should have all land values equalized. During the next year we will monitor all sales of real estate for the past two years and then we shall proceed to go to a full 100% value on all properties as required by state law.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Henderson, Jr., Chairman

William G. Roberts

Warren E. Whitney, Clerk

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Taxes for 1973

Motor Vehicle Excise Committed After 1/1/76		128.70
Paid to Treasurer	<u>128.70</u>	<u>128.70</u>

Taxes for 1974

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 1/1/76		274.88
Abatements	141.08	
Paid to Treasurer	<u>133.80</u>	
	274.88	<u>274.88</u>

Taxes for 1975

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 1/1/76		13,371.09
Committed After 1/1/76		4,188.82
Refunds		350.18
Abatements	1,440.93	
Paid to Treasurer	15,216.27	
Outstanding 1/1/77	<u>1,252.89</u>	
	17,910.09	<u>17,910.09</u>

Taxes for 1976

Motor Vehicle Excise Levy		78,207.46
Refunds		1,565.43
Abatements	6,304.93	
Paid to Treasurer	70,251.79	
Outstanding 1/1/77	<u>3,216.17</u>	
	79,772.89	<u>79,772.89</u>
Farm Animal & Machinery Excise Levy		2,959.63
Paid to Treasurer	<u>2,959.63</u>	<u>2,959.63</u>

Taxes for 1976 Fiscal Year

Personal Property Outstanding 1/1/76		55,391.06
Refunds		8.43
Paid to Treasurer	<u>55,399.49</u>	<u>55,399.49</u>
Real Estate Outstanding 1/1/76		308,919.42
Refunds		504.11
Abatements	975.90	
Tax Titles Taken	343.81	
Tax Titles Added	528.55	
Statement filed to continue Municipal Lien in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 37A and placed in Special Taxes account in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 95	153.45	
Paid to Treasurer	<u>307,421.82</u>	<u>309,423.53</u>
	309,423.53	

Taxes for 1977 Fiscal Year

Personal Property Levy		111,842.86
Refunds		4.65
Abatements	114.70	
Paid to Treasurer	55,830.13	
Outstanding 1/1/77	55,902.68	
	<u>111,847.51</u>	<u>111,847.51</u>

Real Estate Levy		717,812.07
Refunds		915.94
Abatements	22,801.85	
Paid to Treasurer	353,588.78	
Outstanding 1/1/77	342,337.38	
	<u>718,728.01</u>	<u>718,728.01</u>

Sewer Use Charges

Charges for Fiscal Year 1976		19,404.00
Paid to Treasurer	16,285.50	
Added to Fiscal Year 1977 Real Estate Taxes	3,118.50	
	<u>19,404.00</u>	<u>19,404.00</u>

Sewer Use Charges Added to Real Estate Taxes

Amounts Added to FY 1976 Taxes Outstanding 1/1/76		45.75
Committed Interest Outstanding 1/1/76		.95
Paid to Treasurer	46.70	
	<u>46.70</u>	<u>46.70</u>

Amounts Added to FY 1977 Taxes		3,118.50
Committed Interest		69.59
Paid to Treasurer	3,010.98	
Charges Outstanding 1/1/77	173.80	
Committed Interest Outstanding 1/1/77	3.31	
	<u>3,188.09</u>	<u>3,188.09</u>

Sewer Plant Fees

Fees Outstanding 1/1/76		160.00
Paid to Treasurer	160.00	
	<u>160.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>
Fees Committed After 1/1/76		220.00
Paid to Treasurer	80.00	
Outstanding 1/1/77	140.00	
	<u>220.00</u>	<u>220.00</u>

Chapter 60, Section 95 Special Taxes

Balance Outstanding 1/1/76		188.10
Added from 1976 Real Estate Levy		153.45
Outstanding 1/1/77	341.55	
	<u>341.55</u>	<u>341.55</u>

NORTHFIELD WATER DISTRICT TAXES

1976 Fiscal Year

Water Charges Outstanding 1/1/76		495.95
Committed Interest Outstanding 1/1/76		20.22
Paid to Treasurer	<u>516.17</u>	<u>516.17</u>

1977 Fiscal Year

Water Charges Committed		500.69
Committed Interest		23.32
Paid to Treasurer	201.39	
Water Charges Outstanding 1/1/77	307.10	
Committed Interest Outstanding 1/1/77	<u>15.52</u>	
	<u>524.01</u>	<u>524.01</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon W. Leavis
Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 1976

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1976		\$ 184,903.45
*Receipts for the year		<u>2,685,702.04</u>
Total		\$2,870,605.49

Payments per Warrants	\$2,769,674.46	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1976	50,253.31	
*Franklin County Trust Co.	<u>50,677.72</u>	
Total		\$2,870,605.49

*Includes Public Works Employment Act Funds \$4,494.00

Franklin County Trust Co. December 31, 1976

Balance per Statement		\$91,878.54
Balance per Check Book	\$50,677.72	
Outstanding Checks	<u>41,200.82</u>	
		\$91,878.54

REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1976		\$82,530.38
Allotments for the year		42,914.00
Interest added for year		<u>4,968.65</u>
Total		\$130,413.03
Payments per Warrants	\$22,757.35	
Franklin County Trust Company	1,037.77	
Franklin Savings Institution	<u>106,617.91</u>	
Total		\$130,413.03

Franklin County Trust Co.
December 31, 1976

Balance per Statement		\$1,362.77
Balance per Check Book	\$1,037.77	
Outstanding Checks	<u>325.00</u>	\$1,362.77

INVESTMENTS

Franklin Savings Institution		
Regular Savings Account		\$250,000.00
Franklin Savings Institution		
Special Notice Account		250,000.00

STABILIZATION FUND

Franklin Savings Institution		
Balance January 1, 1976	\$129,850.03	
Interest added for year	7,358.47	
Deposited (as voted)	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Balance December 31, 1976		\$147,208.50

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Federal Withholding Taxes		\$40,671.96
Massachusetts Withholding Taxes		14,006.56
Franklin County Retirement System		6,897.17
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board		9,548.48
Group Health Ins.-Blue Cross/Blue Shield		1,770.80
Group Health Ins.-Aetna Life & Casualty		2,729.58
Group Life Ins. - Greenfield Savings Bank		117.03
Pioneer Valley Union Teachers' Assn. Dues		1,668.00
Franklin Co. School Employees' Fed. Credit Union		6,105.00
Teachers' Annuities		1,445.52

TRUST FUNDS

Franklin Savings Institution

C. Ina Merriman Library Fund		
Balance January 1, 1976		\$1,984.10
Interest for the year		<u>96.48</u>
		\$2,080.58
Withdrawal April 30, 1976		<u>334.73</u>
Balance December 31, 1976		\$1,745.85

Lottie Evans Worthy Poor Fund		
Balance January 1, 1976		\$2,109.80
Interest for the year		<u>115.31</u>
Balance December 31, 1976		\$2,225.11

Special Notice Accounts - Interest paid to Treasurer

Interest

Deposit

Edward Priest W. Nfld. Cemetery Fund	\$428.24	\$7,292.49
James Cowles Center Cemetery Fund	117.40	2,000.00
Calvin Stearns Center Cemetery Fund	29.28	500.00
Belcher Center Cemetery Funds	117.52	2,000.00
Callender Mt. Hermon Cemetery Fund	29.28	500.00
Belcher Center School Funds	73.36	1,250.00

	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
Surplus Revenue School Fund	\$93.92	\$1,600.00
Roselle Evans Worthy Poor Fund	29.28	500.00
George F. Morgan Worthy Poor Fund	176.16	3,000.00
Maude Montague Library Fund	117.96	2,009.60
C. P. Dickinson Library Fund	176.16	3,000.00
Belcher Library Funds	571.92	9,739.01
Northfield Chapter D.A.R. Book Fund	5.88	100.00
Marina Stanley Library Fund	35.20	600.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds (See List)		
South Mountain Cemetery	5.88	100.00
Center Cemetery	806.68	13,738.06
Mount Hermon Cemetery	173.20	2,950.00
Northfield Farms Cemetery	287.58	4,951.69
West Northfield Cemetery	137.96	2,350.00

Respectfully submitted,

Grace T. Young
Treasurer

LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

<u>CENTER CEMETERY</u>			
Nelson & Nettie Spring	\$ 100.00	Elijar E. Belding	\$ 100.00
Emma A. Halthnorth	100.00	A.M.D. Alexander	300.00
John F. Rice	100.00	Charles Alexander &	
Carpenter Winchester	100.00	Richard Colton	200.00
Clinton A. Ware	150.00	Adelaide W. Moody	100.00
George R. Stebbins	50.00	Louis M. Potts	200.00
Charles Stebbins	100.00	Roselle Evans	50.00
Walter D. Crane	100.00	Amos Shepardson &	
John E. Nye	100.00	Anna S. Preston	150.00
Harvey J. Evans	50.00	Bessie Moore	100.00
Augustus W. Holton	100.00	Elizabeth P. Kraft	100.00
Thomas R. Callender	50.00	Maximilla S. Hachita	100.00
Johnson Fund	123.06	Albert S. Brigham	100.00
Mary L. Wright	125.00	George E. Nye	200.00
M. Bemis & Otis Field	50.00	Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00
Charles Blackmer	50.00	Dr. Stratton White &	
Alvin Long	50.00	George & William	
Isaac Cook & Wright		Hastings	300.00
Stratton	100.00	Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00	William R. Moody	100.00
Levi Fay	150.00	Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00
Sarah E. Minot	150.00	Clara B. Torrey	100.00
James Pickard	100.00	Herbert E. Robbins	200.00
Augusta L. Day	100.00	S. E. Walker	200.00
Elijar Belding	125.00	J. I. Greenleaf	300.00
James White	100.00	M. Margaret Laird	100.00
Arad Webster & William		Hezekiah & Elizabeth	
Billings	500.00	Stratton	80.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00	Hezekiah & Mollie	
		Stratton	80.00

Rufus & Asenath Stratton	\$ 80.00
William H. Phelps	200.00
Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00
Bessie Severance	100.00
Lewis Fowler	50.00
J. Wesley Mann	100.00
Andrew E. & Arthur H. Lyman	400.00
Edward B. Stearns	50.00
Benjamin F. Field & Charles Pomeroy	100.00
Charles Osgood	500.00
Louis Frederick Bartlett	100.00
Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
Rose A. Holton	100.00
C. D. Merriam & Cornelius Hilliard	300.00
Cora B. Preston & Asa Holton	100.00
Frank & William Piper	100.00
L. O. Clapp Lot	100.00
Hachita Lots	440.00
Samuel & Elijar Merriman	1,760.00
Mary V. H. Slade	125.00
Mrs. George Spofford	200.00
Mary B. Rankin	100.00
Daniel F. Sutherland	100.00
George N. Kidder	500.00
Tie'-Webster Lot	100.00
Frank & Jennie Lombard	100.00
Nellie Nye	400.00
Fred A. Bogart	100.00
Francis S. Bemis	300.00
Harold B. Stratton	200.00
Mary Isabel Newton	100.00
	\$ 13,738.06

SOUTH MOUNTAIN CEMETERY

Alice J. Bigelow	\$ 100.00
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WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY

Cecil Wilson	\$ 100.00
Caroline B. Lane	150.00
George W. Snow	200.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00
Pennock Fund	100.00
Cora B. Preston & Pitts W. Preston	100.00
S. E. K. Priest	200.00
George F. Witt	100.00
Jane E. Evans	50.00
Warena P. Miller	200.00
Mary E. Bunker	200.00

Edna M. Kelley	\$ 150.00
Boyd Palmer	25.00
Vernon Playful	100.00
Hartley L. & Flora M. Bosworth	25.00
Alice Dutton	
Yerrington	150.00
Leroy R. Barnes	100.00
Doris Cutler	100.00
Jane F. Randolph	100.00
Maurice A. & Leona A. Barrett	100.00
	\$ 2,350.00

NORTHFIELD FARMS CEMETERY

James Browning & Robert Washer	\$ 100.00
Retta R. Barrett	100.00
Ada Chamberlain & Sarah Morgan	75.00
Eva J. S. Clough	200.00
M. Maria Foss	200.00
Ernest C. Field	100.00
Elisa Graves	51.69
Brigham Gage & David Clowes	100.00
Charles L. Gilbert	200.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00
Samuel A. Holton	200.00
Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
James & William Merriam	100.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00
Henry W. Montague	400.00
Charles C. Morgan	100.00
Samuel Pratt	25.00
Larkin Fisher, Frank & Lucy Ross	50.00
Fred W. Ruggles	100.00
Ashael & Alner Sawyer	100.00
Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Rufus Stratton & Oren D. Darling	150.00
Elisha & Elihu Stratton	200.00
William H. Stratton	100.00
Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Samuel W. & William G. Slate	100.00
Leroy Weatherhead	75.00
Oscar & Frank V. Wood	50.00
Jennie L. Bascomb	150.00
Herbert Dutton	100.00
Murray Hammond	100.00
Nettie Gilbert	300.00
George H. Pratt	100.00

Lawrence A. Comins	\$ 100.00
Clayton P. B. Miller	100.00
Lincoln E. Warner	100.00
William M. Barnes	100.00
George W. Stratton	250.00
Bertha S. Hammond	200.00
Gracie F. Slate	100.00
	\$ 4,951.69

MOUNT HERMON CEMETERY

Henry F. Cutler	\$ 100.00
L. Lorimer Drury	100.00
Horace F. Holton	100.00
Alice V. Watson	150.00
Anna Bell McMillan	100.00
Charles T. Sibley	200.00
Lewis Hodus	200.00
Roy R. Hatch	100.00
Joseph S. Castogue	100.00
Charles D. Streeter	200.00
Mary J. & Anna L. Miller	200.00

Marion Fish Giersbach	\$ 100.00
Alice Mosse	100.00
S. Douglas & Ruth A. Polhemus	100.00
Jane E. Holton	100.00
Claire H. & Alfred D. Montague	100.00
Marjorie W. Prescott	100.00
Julia Pierce, Edward & Barbara Blake	100.00
Jessie H. Hyde	100.00
Julia Mary Stark	100.00
William Eberhardt	100.00
L. Lorimer Drury Family	100.00
Jane E. Nunn, William & Sarah Eberhardt	100.00
Joseph D. Costogue	200.00
	\$ 2,950.00

REPORT OF
TOWN MANAGER/EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
STUDY COMMITTEE

This Committee is composed of:

Frederick J. Billiel, Chairman
Robert G. Barnes
Edward I. Metcalf, Board of Selectmen
Richard G. Parsons, Planning Board
Robert Johnston, Finance Committee
Evelyn U. True, Secretary
Gerald Morse

The objectives of the Committee were:

- (1) To determine if there was a need for such a position.
- (2) To obtain a description of the position of Town Manager and Executive Secretary.
- (3) The steps necessary to establish this position and to fill it properly.

The need for such a position has been demonstrated in many ways. First, enough people have recognized the need to indicate their interest by placing an article in the Warrant to form this committee and voting favorably to accept it. Secondly, the Town of Northfield is almost a million dollar business, and is operated by part-time, partially compensated help without a full-time executive. Thirdly, there is the difficulty in interesting qualified persons to run for office because of the time involved; not in decision making, but in the carrying out of decisions. Fourthly, there is no liason between the various Town offices and departments which often times causes misunderstanding and waste of time and money.

After interviewing four persons who are now or who have been Town Administrators, it was evident that such a system can save much more money for the Town than would be invested in salary - through central purchase of supplies; through a combination of jobs or efficient utilization of current employees; through the use of Federal and State programs and grants which are now often missed; through an orderly budget procedure and overseeing each department in respect to appropriations.

A Town Manager is a person hired by the Board of Selectmen to carry out their directives, represent them at county and state levels, assist both the Selectmen and the Finance Committee in all budgetary matters, may have the power to do all the hiring and firing of Town employees. He cannot be hired without the Town adopting Chapter 41, Section 25, which calls for a change in a Town Charter. He is at all times directly responsible to the Selectmen.

An Executive Secretary is a person with almost similar duties and powers as those of a Town Manager. The two greatest differences being; one, he can be hired by a Town voting his salary at a Town Meeting. Two, he would not be responsible for the employing of Town personnel.

This Committee prefers the Executive Secretary plan because it meets the needs of the Town, eliminates the red tape of getting a Charter or amending one; it is less expensive, and has slightly more restrictive powers.

The Committee also prefers to call this person an Executive Administrator. It is a name preferred by persons qualified for the position. It eliminates confusion between this position and that of secretary to the Selectmen. It is also accepted better at county and state levels.

From its study, this Committee has formulated the following plan for hiring an Executive Administrator and assigning his duties:

TERM OF OFFICE:

An Administrative Officer shall be appointed by the Selectmen for a term of two years. If either party wishes to terminate the contract, a ninety day written notice must be given.

EDUCATION OF OFFICER:

Should be a college graduate with major work in Business Administration and Public Administration. Two to four years of experience in a responsible administrative or supervisory capacity. Any equivalent combination of education and experience.

GENERAL SCOPE OF DUTIES OF OFFICER:

- (a) Carry out and implement the policies and directives of the Board of Selectmen.
- (b) Maintain full familiarity with the responsibilities and activities of all Town departments, boards and committees.
- (c) Prepare and submit specific recommendations for administrative procedures.
- (d) Supervise all staff employed by the Board of Selectmen.
- (e) Supervise maintenance and repair of Town buildings or equipment, under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen. This excludes schools.
- (f) Serve as budget analyst.

SPECIFIC DUTIES:

- (a) Interview, test and recommend for hiring, promotion and assignment, all employees under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen to the Board and the pertinent Department Head.
- (b) Assist in preparation of, and maintain a current status report and projection of budgets for all departments under the jurisdiction of Board of Selectmen.
- (c) Prepare and submit specific recommendations on action to be taken to improve work effectiveness by coordination of interdependent functions of Town departments, boards or committees.
- (d) Maintain inventory, and prepare projected needs plan for Town buildings, office machines, and other equipment under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.
- (e) Prepare a plan for and serve as central purchasing agent for common use equipment and supplies used by various departments, boards and committees.

- (f) Prepare standardized forms and procedures and implement their introduction and use for budget submissions, reports, vouchers, purchase requests, etc.
- (g) Receive and make appropriate disposition of all correspondence coming to the Board of Selectmen.
- (h) Attend specified board of committee meetings, or conferences as delegate of the Board of Selectmen.
- (i) Aid in preparing agenda for Selectmen's meetings.
- (j) Examine all requests for transfers of funds within or between budgetary categories and make all appropriate recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Any request submitted by a department should first be submitted to the Administrative Officer. When request is presented to the Board, it should be from the Officer.
- (k) Process all inquiries and complaints from Town citizens. Board of Selectmen should request all citizens calling to contact Administrative Officer, if at all possible.
- (l) Act for Board of Selectmen in all strictly administrative matters. Have all department heads go through the Administrative Officer on administrative matters.
- (m) Have authority to implement policy decisions of Board of Selectmen with administrative directness.
- (n) Aid in preparation of warrant for Annual and Special Town Meetings.
- (o) Prepare necessary reports and gather information for Board on all articles in warrant.
- (p) Carry out any other duties assigned by Selectmen.

It is the unanimous vote of the Committee to recommend to you the hiring of an Executive Administrator. It is the unanimous wish of the Committee that you or the Selectmen accept as a Town By-Law its suggested plan for the hiring of such an individual.

O.C.I.P. REPORT
(Obtain, Catalogue, Index, and Preserve)

On May 4, 1976, the Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of at least five (5) residents of the Town for the purpose of formulating a workable plan to obtain, catalogue, index and preserve by microfilming, or other appropriate process, any ancient historical and/or valuable records of the Town, and for this purpose, to transfer any unexpended previous appropriations voted, and to further rescind any inconsistent previous votes that may have been passed.

Also, voted to transfer the sum of \$1,200.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the continuation of indexing and microfilming of Town or historical records or memorabilia of the Town's history and development, said money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

On July 31, 1976, we met, organized, and named ourselves the O.C.I.P. Committee (obtain, catalogue, index, and preserve) as, Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman, Evelyn H. Parker, Secretary, and other members, Rosa S. Johnston, Dorothy C. Pollen, Martha C. Peterson, Horace F. Field, and Richard A. Giles.

On October 19, 1976, we met with Mr. Andrew Raymond, Public Record Analyst, Division of Public Records, State House, Boston, and discussed the establishing of appropriate guidelines for carrying out a TOWN RECORDS PROGRAM. Mr. Raymond visited Dickinson Library, the Historical Society Building and viewed the Town Hall vault.

A letter dated November 22, 1976, from Mr. Raymond gave us the procedural advisement in which to seek the return of all public records now held in private hands, and that such would be cared for by the O.C.I.P. Committee, in accordance with their responsibility under Chapter 66, Section 13 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

On contacting different societies, organizations, and citizens, we have gathered these valuable documents, - Warrants, dated 1754-1799, School Committee Records, 1837-1841; Committee Report on Tiffany Ferry, 1799; a document, Paul Revere's bill, dated February 5, 1798, and many more Town Official's records, Assessors' Lists and legal matters, pertaining to highways, etc.

We have started a two series collection of Northfield's Town Reports. We are pleading your assistance to search your attics for the following missing Town Reports, - from 1873-1910, none on hand, also 1915, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1942, 1964, 1967, 1972, and 1973. If you have extra copies of these Town Reports, we would appreciate any donations in order to complete the collections for the Town.

On March 11, 1977, the Committee met with Analyst John Gorgone of Massachusetts Public Records who will continue the advisory work of Mr. Raymond.

Mr. Gorgone will assist us in the organizing of our records to begin a full descriptive inventory.

We solicit your cooperation in assisting this committee to gather these valuable documents in order that we may catalogue, index, conserve, and preserve our NORTHFIELD HISTORY for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

O.C.I.P. Committee

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman

Evelyn H. Parker, Secretary

Horace F. Field

Richard A. Giles

Rosa S. Johnston

Martha C. Peterson

Dorothy C. Pollen

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Board of Health meetings were held the third Monday of each month. Meetings with the Nurse Advisory Committee, the Doctor Recruitment Committee, inspections, and investigations of complaints were conducted as necessary.

We joined with the Selectmen to support a recycling effort of glass and metal at the Town Disposal Area. Though the results of this first year left something to be desired, we continue to support the recycling concept, because:

- at home, it saves space at the landfill.
- nationally, it costs less to recycle than to manufacture new items, and less energy is expended.
- it makes sense. Natural resources are not limitless.

Aerial spraying for mosquitoes was done twice last year; late May and early June. The Board is investigating alternatives to this method of mosquito control.

The Doctor Recruitment Committee is facing the fact of changing medical patterns, from the local general practitioner to the centrally located specialized group practice near a hospital. Thus, it seems unlikely we will be able to attract a doctor to settle and practice here.

We are pleased to see an increase in use of the Public Health Nursing Service. Last year the nurse made half again as many visits as she had in previous years. As medical expenses continue to rise, residents are taking advantage of our local service. Because of this increase, the nurse is now working full time in a salaried position, and we are requesting part-time help for her. We wish to commend Mrs. Gorzocoski for her work and to express our thanks and appreciation to her for her efforts and her cooperation.

As our Nursing Service does not at this time comply with requirements for Medicare certification, the Board, the Nurse's Advisory Committee, and the Nurse are investigating the possibility of merger with other agencies so as to meet the necessary requirements. By this time next year, we will be in a position to decide whether or not we should merge with others, satisfy certification requirements on our own, or forgo Medicare certification.

A new car (1976 model) was purchased for the nurse as the old car, after seven years of service, required extensive repairs. As the Selectmen requested the old car for the Highway Department use, we turned the car over to them rather than trading it in.

In a case where request was made to waive state requirements for indoor plumbing, the State Board of Plumbing Examiners voted to uphold the Plumbing Code as written.

The following licenses and permits were issued in 1976:

Plumbing Permits	18
Common Victualer's License	13
Milk & Cream Store License	5
Frozen Deserts License	2
Pastuerization of Milk License	1

Funeral Director's License	1
Sewage Disposal Installer's Permits	5
Sewage Disposal Construction Permits	20
Transportation of Offensive Substances	1
Day Camp License	1

We wish to thank Mr. Antonio Tosi, the Health Officer, for his services last year, and it is with regret that we accept his resignation from this position.

We also wish to thank:

- the plumbing inspectors, Mr. Frederick MacNeill and Mr. Everon Pollen, for their work and cooperation,
- the town secretary, Mrs. Shirley Thompson, for her assistance during the year,
- town officials, whose cooperation we appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Ladd, Chairman
Margaret M. Craig
John F. Jurkowski

Board of Health

REPORT OF NORTHFIELD PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

To the Selectmen, the Board of Health, and the Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

The year 1976 proved to be the busiest one in the history of this Nursing Department.

The Board of Health conducted two general immunization clinics for the townspeople in March and April respectively with a total of 85 doses of vaccines given. Dr. James Barnshaw of Greenfield was in attendance.

Two Lead Poisoning Screening Clinics were held at the Town Hall with 30 children and 3 adults tested.

On March 9th, a Blood Cholesterol Screening and Blood Pressure clinic was sponsored at the Senior Center in conjunction with the Community Awareness Council and the Heart Association with a total of 84 people tested.

On March 25th, a Hemocult Clinic was held at the Senior Center in cooperation with the Cancer Society. A total of 82 people were screened and instructed.

On October 26th, the Board of Health sponsored a Bivalent Swine Flu Clinic at the Senior Center and 218 adults were immunized. Another 56 people were given the vaccine in their homes or at the office. In all, a total of 274 doses was administered.

On November 22nd, a Bivalent and Monovalent Swine Flu Clinic, under the auspices of the Board of Health, was held at the Town Hall and 142 doses of Monovalent and 139 doses of Bivalent vaccines were given, making a total of 281. Another 62 doses were given to people in their homes or at the office. In all, a total of 343 people were immunized. Between the two Swine Flu Clinics, a grand total of 617 people were innoculated. Dr. George Harris of Northfield Mount Hermon School was in attendance at both Swine Flu Clinics.

On October 28th, the Annual Red Cross Bloodmobile, sponsored by the Fortnightly, collected 47 pints of blood.

At this time, I would like to thank the doctors, nurses, many volunteer clerical workers, and others who helped to make all of these clinics such a success.

Report of Visits made in 1976:

Home Visits	1,075
Office Visits	178
Not Home Visits	53
Total Visits	1,306

Free monthly Blood Pressure Clinics continue to be held at the Senior Center and are always well attended.

In order to keep abreast of current health trends and procedures, I attended an evening educational course at Greenfield Community College for five consecutive weeks concerning updated medical information on cancer research and treatments and the total care of a patient with cancer.

I also attended In-Service Educational courses and Seminars sponsored by Farren Memorial and Franklin County Public Hospitals and Greenfield Visiting Nurse's Association, and those held in Westfield, West Springfield and Amherst, Mass., sponsored by the Department of Public Health.

Several conferences were held with members of the Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Services Departments, and nurses at the Franklin County Public Hospital concerning specific patient oriented health problems which frequently included follow-up consultations in patient's homes.

During the year, the Professional Advisory Committee to this Nursing Agency and Board of Health and myself met several times to discuss agency matters and new policies.

I attended professional Advisory Committee meetings during the year at Franklin County Home Care Corp. in Turners Falls, Greenfield Visiting Nurse Association, and Farren Memorial Hospital.

In cooperation with the University of Massachusetts Nursing Program, I instructed junior and senior nursing students in public health nursing, field training, practice, observation, and patient orientation during the spring and fall months of 1976. This is the first time this agency has been involved with such a program.

I wish to thank Mrs. Joan Hume, R.N., of Greenfield and Mrs. Chris Kovalchick, R.N., of Northfield, for covering the agency during the summer vacation period.

I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health, the Nursing Advisory Committee, Mrs. Shirley Thompson, Secretary, and the townspeople for all their efforts and cooperation in making this past year's programs so successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen U. Gorzocoski, R. N.
Public Health Nurse

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I submit the fiscal year report of the Accounting Department ending June 30, 1976. Included are the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the Town on July 1, 1976.

All invoices and payrolls presented were examined for accuracy and legality before being submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The Treasurer's Cash was verified and found to be correct.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all departments for their cooperation during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel D. Fowler
Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET-TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
Ending June 30, 1976

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities and Reserves</u>	
Cash - General		Payroll Deductions	\$ 410.84
Investment of General Cash	\$ 45,771.50	Group Health Insurance	65.00
Cash - Federal Revenue Sharing	600,000.00	Costs on Taxes	59.40
Investment of Rev. Shar. Funds	1,315.76	Dog Licenses Collected for County	7,898.92
	92,578.03	Excess Sale Land of Low Value	10.00
Accounts Receivable		Gift to Conservation Commission	
1976 Personal Property Levy	654.89	Trust Fund Income	
1976 Real Estate Levy	9,521.98	Elisha Alexander Charity	1,950.80
		George F. Morgan Charity	1,863.57
Motor Vehicle Excise		Roselle Evans Worthy Poor	400.43
Levy of 1973	128.70	Starkweather Charity	4,761.52
Levy of 1974	170.93	Belcher Center School	1,023.63
Levy of 1975	1,567.33	Belcher Library	497.25
Levy of 1976	33,136.77	Maude Montague Library Fund	265.41
		Marina Stanley Book Fund	64.64
Special Taxes, Real Estate		Charles Dickinson Book Fund	373.36
		D.A.R. Book Fund	13.23
		Perpetual Care Cemeteries	
Tax Titles and Possessions		Center, Mt. Hermon, So. Mtn.	9,887.85
Tax Titles	4,383.02	Northfield Farms	2,176.74
Possessions	292.87	West Northfield	5,025.21
Sewer Use		Mary Callender Lot, Mt. Hermon	306.37
Levy of 1976	4,108.50	Calvin Stearns Lot, Cent. Cem.	337.37
		Title II Library Extension	
Departmental		Title III	
Sewer	180.00	Ed. Bureau Library Extension, Spec. Grant	17,733.54
		School Lunch	284.05
			4.76
			269.23
			4,627.37
			11,213.84

Aid to Highways			
State	110,848.00		
County	<u>6,700.00</u>		
Group Health Insurance		117,548.00	
Life Insurance		109.36	
		2.34	
Revenue 1977		1,078,023.40	
Loans Authorized		<u>414,500.00</u>	
Underestimates 1976			
State Parks and Reservations	126.43		
County Retirement System	947.00		
Veterans' Service Center	<u>.49</u>	1,073.92	
Appropriation Balances			
General			
Master Plan			1,652.86
Civil Defense			1,160.14
Infil. & Inflow Analysis			2,776.82
Easements for Sewer			100.00
Legal Fees & Surveys			5,000.00
Ch. 90 Const. 1975			9,658.71
Ch. 90 Const. 1976			36,626.00
Highways			4,712.34
Gulf Road			11,793.70
Sidewalks			2,000.00
Schell Bridge Survey			14,800.00
Survey Boundaries			3,000.00
School			29,339.32
Microfilm & Index			175.46
Chapter 32 B			<u>1,108.07</u>
Fed. Rev. Shar.			123,903.42
Assessors' Revaluation			386.47
Renovate Town Hall			<u>460.80</u>
1977 Appropriations			847.27
General			
Rev. Shar. Funds			1,282,524.43
			<u>52,451.00</u>
Loans Authorized and Unissued			1,334,975.43
Overestimates 1976			414,500.00
County Tax			
P.V. Air Poll. Cont. Bd.			5,761.65
			<u>189.77</u>
			5,951.42

Special Education	4,949.00
Sale of Real Estate	5,569.37
Sale of Cemetery Lots	4,749.12
Road Machinery Fund	1,636.35
Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus	69,349.83
1976 Overlay Reserve for Abatements	10,176.87
Revenue Reserved Until Collected	
Motor Vehicle Excise	35,003.73
Special Taxes	188.10
Tax Title & Possessions	4,675.89
Sewer Use	4,108.50
Departmental	180.00
State & Cnty. Aid to Hwys.	<u>117,548.00</u>
Surplus Revenue	161,704.22
P.L. 92.512 (Fed. Rev. Shar.)	183,770.63
	<u>40,595.52</u>
	\$ 2,405,255.40

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Trust and Investment Funds:

In Custody of Treasurer
 In Custody of Selectmen
 In Custody of Trustees

\$ 195,399.77
 10,323.00
21,904.83

In Custody of Treasurer:

Lottie Evans Charity Fund \$ 2,166.69
 George F. Morgan " " 3,000.00
 Roselle Evans " " 500.00
 Surplus Revenue School Fund 1,600.00
 Belcher Center School Fund 1,250.00
 Belcher Library Fund 9,739.01
 Chas. P. Dickinson Lib. Book Fund 3,000.00
 Ina Merriman Library Fund 1,700.00
 Maude Montague Library Fund 2,009.60
 D.A.R. Book Fund 100.00
 Marina Stanley Book Fund 600.00
 Belcher Center Cemetery Fund 2,000.00
 Mary Callender " " 500.00
 James Cowles " " 2,000.00
 Calvin Stearns " " 500.00
 Edward D. Priest " " 7,292.49
 W. Northfield " " 2,350.00
 Northfield Farms " " 4,951.69
 So. Mountain " " 100.00
 Mt. Hermon " " 2,950.00
 Center " " 13,738.06
 Stabilization Fund 133,352.23

195,399.77

In Custody of Selectmen:

Elisha Alexander Charity Fund 2,020.00
 Starkweather Charity Fund 8,000.00
 Flora Lane, Cent. Cem. 202.00
 Lucretia Holton, W. Nfld. Cem. 101.00

10,323.00

In Custody of Trustees:

Martha Alexander Fund 21,904.83
 \$ 227,627.60

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RECEIPTS

Investment of General Cash		1,100,000.00
Taxes:		
1975 Personal Property	1,138.95	
1975 Real Estate	7,723.42	8,862.37
1976 Personal Property	110,571.29	
1976 Real Estate	618,529.39	729,100.68
Motor Vehicle Excise		
Levy of 1971	36.30	
Levy of 1972	8.53	
Levy of 1973	539.63	
Levy of 1974	2,853.34	
Levy of 1975	58,455.53	
Levy of 1976	27,206.98	89,100.31
Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1975		2,850.63
Special Taxes		
Levy of 1970-1974		501.60
Tax Titles Redeemed		1,049.73
Sewer Use		
Levy of 1975	2,548.54	
Levy of 1976	15,295.50	17,844.04
Levy of 1973 Added to Taxes	360.00	
Levy of 1975 Added to Taxes	2,209.46	2,569.46
Committed Interest on 1973 & 1975 Levies		89.08
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Dumping	100.00	
Veterans' Benefits	658.27	758.27
Aid to Highways:		
State, Chapter 90	32,764.00	
County, Chapter 90	17,900.00	
State, Chapter 825, Sec. 1	19,424.00	70,088.00
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Withholding Taxes	40,191.21	
State Withholding Taxes	13,279.16	
County Retirement	6,474.89	
Teachers' Retirement	9,122.60	
Group Insurance	7,445.40	
Life Insurance	199.26	
Credit Union	3,965.00	
Teachers' Dues	1,464.75	
Teachers' Annuities	50.00	82,192.27
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds		43,049.00
Interest on Rev. Shar. Funds		4,075.54

Trust Funds Interest:

Elisha Alexander Charity	108.24	
George F. Morgan Charity	176.16	
Roselle Evans Worthy Poor	29.28	
Starkweather Charity	428.64	742.32
Belcher Center School		73.36
Belcher Library	571.92	
Maude Montague Library	117.96	
Marina Stanley Library	35.20	
Charles Dickinson Library	176.16	
D.A.R. Library	5.88	907.12
P.C. Center, Mt. Hermon, So. Mtn.	1,225.66	
P.C. Northfield Farms	279.88	
P.C. West Northfield	570.78	
P.C. Mary Callendar Lot, Mt. Hermon	29.28	
P.C. Calvin Stearns, Center Cem.	29.28	2,134.88
Library State Aid		986.63
Library County Dog Fund		388.40
Title I Library Special Project Grant		1,305.00
Title II Library Extension		3,280.26
Library Gift - Lion's Club		75.00
Conservation Comm. Gift - J. Phelps		10.00
Trust Funds - Perpetual Care Cemetery		400.00
Ina Merriman Fund from Savings Account		334.73
Warner Bros. - Traffic Duty		12,363.75
Mass. Sales Tax		48.25
Mass. Meals Tax		28.25
County Dog Care		561.00
Dog Licenses Coll. for County		642.70
Tax Collector's Fees		844.00
School Lunch		20,452.19
Road Machinery Fund		4,136.35
Sales of Cemetery Lots		210.00
Estimated Receipts:		
Town Clerk & Selectmen's Licenses		205.00
Plumbing Licenses & Permits		214.00
Building Permits		941.00
Building Inspections		826.00
Disposal & Septic Permits		36.00
Other Board of Health Licenses		27.50
Liquor Licenses		2,104.15
Police Permits		406.00
Bicycle Registrations		6.25
Police Accident Reports		68.00
Court Fines		1,400.00
Kindergarten Tuition		50.77
Surplus Revenue Fund Interest		93.92
Copier Use		72.26
Postage		8.45
Tax Title Costs and Interest		50.04
Selectmen's Ads. Reimbursements		9.98
Board of Appeals Ads. Reimbursements		69.97

Sales of By-Laws	3.00
Sale of Maps	26.00
Rent - Town Hall	95.00
Rent - Alexander Hall	33.00
Nurse's Fees	4,844.81
Clinic Fees	93.70
Library Fines	475.68
Ambulance Service	2,500.00
Interest on Taxes	886.85
Interest on Investments	14,940.46
Insurance Reimbursement	112.52
Reimbursement, Veterans' Service Center	77.78
Reimbursement, Frank. Cnty. Tech. School	655.99
Reimbursement, Group Insurance	5,157.00
Reimbursement, Group Insurance, Sch. Union Towns	484.98
Sale of Police Dog	100.00
Refund, Ins. Co., Veterans' Benefits	1,066.73
Tercentenary Committee	33.50
Sale of School Furniture	36.00
Highway Tools Auction	915.00
Receipts from Commonwealth:	
Loc. Aid Ch. 58, Sect. 18 C	10,592.89
Corp. & Tax Reimb. 1974 Loc. Assess.	23,399.88
Chap. 70 C 58 18A	69,213.75
Chap. 71 Sec. 16D Reg. Sch. Aid '75	5,011.86
Chap. 71 Sec. 7A School	23,477.21
Chap. 71 B Spec. Needs	23,486.79
Chap. 74 Tuition	4,121.00
Hwy. Chap. 497 Ch. 58 Sec. 18 B	28,450.14
Chap. 825 Sec. 3 S 9	35,875.02
Appropriation Refunds	854.37
Total Receipts (Rev. Shar.)	47,124.54
(General)	2,418,540.83
Cash on Hand 7/1/75 (Rev.Shar.)	65,590.48
(General)	279,900.25
	\$ 2,811,156.10

RECAPITULATION

	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Moderator and Expense	90.00	75.50	14.50
Selectmen	2,600.00	2,439.22	160.78
Selectmen's Secretary	1,573.00	1,573.00	---
Selectmen's Expense	2,000.00	1,950.33	49.67
Accountant	2,025.00	2,025.00	---
Accountant's Expense	100.00	86.85	13.15
Legal Expense	3,625.00	3,625.00	---
Treasurer	2,025.00	2,025.00	---
Treasurer's Expense	1,100.00	1,099.21	.79
Tax Collector	1,910.00	1,910.00	---
Tax Collector's Expense	1,637.51	1,637.51	---
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	350.00	27.83	322.17

Protection of Tax Title Property	25.00	---	25.00
Assessors and Clerk	3,785.00	3,785.00	---
Assessors' Expense	1,675.00	1,665.24	9.76
Town Clerk	1,225.00	1,225.00	---
Town Clerk's Expense	200.00	200.00	---
Election & Registration	2,578.88	2,578.88	---
Planning Board Expense	700.00	521.28	178.72
Board of Appeals Expense	250.00	220.15	29.85
Finance Committee Expense	125.00	84.80	40.20
Town Hall	9,000.00	8,969.72	30.28
Slate House	500.00	61.86	438.14
Police Chief	12,500.00	12,500.00	---
Special Police	5,600.00	4,943.63	656.37
Police Dept. Secretary	1,573.00	1,573.00	---
Police Dept. Op. Expense	7,000.00	6,987.49	12.51
Unpaid Bills - 1975 - Police			
Dept. Exp.	720.83	720.83	---
Fire Dept. Salaries	585.00	585.00	---
Fire Dept. Operating Expenses	7,989.05	7,989.05	---
Hose and Equipment	2,000.00	1,944.71	55.29
Maintenance of Fire Station & Garage	3,209.63	3,209.63	---
Hydrants	500.00	500.00	---
Water Holes	1,000.00	541.08	458.92
Public Safety	50.00	50.00	---
Wire Inspector	100.00	---	100.00
Tree Trim & Plant	2,000.00	1,983.32	16.68
Dutch Elm Control	2,000.00	1,999.56	.44
Insect and Pest Control	413.06	412.95	.11
Dog Officer and Expense	350.00	71.17	278.83
Building Commissioner Salary	3,300.00	3,300.00	---
Building Commissioner's Expense	265.47	179.80	85.67
Board of Health Salaries	555.00	555.00	---
Health	2,000.00	888.56	1,111.44
Mental Health & Retardation Services			
	2,631.00	2,631.00	---
Community Awareness Council	2,640.00	2,640.00	---
Dump Control	9,500.00	8,072.03	1,427.97
Nurse and Substitute	9,050.00	9,049.50	.50
Unpaid Bill - 1975 - Nurse's Salary	407.62	407.62	---
Nurse's Clerk	3,146.00	3,146.00	---
Nurse's Expense	525.00	379.78	145.22
Homemaker/Home Health Aide	500.00	360.77	139.23
Inspection of Animals	450.00	244.00	206.00
Sewer Commissioners Salaries	555.00	555.00	---
Sewer Commissioners' Expense	75.00	71.14	3.86
Operation & Maintenance Sewer Plant			
	22,445.50	22,445.50	---
Highway Superintendent's Expense	550.00	521.22	28.78
Highway Sick, Vacation, Holidays	6,292.00	5,681.10	610.90
Unpaid Bill - 1975 - Hwy. Sick Pay	933.50	933.50	---
Highway Tools	500.00	497.54	2.46
Chapter 90 Const. (1973)	2,182.45	2,182.45	---
Constructing, Maintaining & Policing			
Highways	50,155.21	50,155.21	---

Unpaid Bill - 1975 - Machinery			
Maintenance	285.48	285.48	---
Street Lights	24,300.00	22,387.22	1,912.78
Unpaid Bill - 1975 - Street Lights	1,200.00	1,118.14	81.86
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street			
Lists	50.00	---	50.00
Soldiers' Relief	4,692.40	2,856.18	1,836.22
Elementary School Com. Salaries	500.00	500.00	---
PVRS Committee Expense	100.00	---	100.00
Elementary School	339,665.50	286,213.57	24,112.61
Elementary School (Encumb.)	26,719.36	26,719.36	---
Elementary School (Encumb.)	1,100.00	836.35	263.65
PVRS Capital & Operating Expenses			
	426,071.75	380,072.03	45,999.72
Franklin County Technical School			
District	49,454.69	48,747.88	706.81
Dickinson Memorial Library	13,078.12	18,075.29	2.83
Index or Microfilm Town Reports	500.00	500.00	---
Field Library	250.00	250.00	---
Town Reports	1,500.00	1,354.90	145.10
Memorial & Veterans' Days	450.00	380.72	69.28
Alexander Hall	400.00	336.48	63.52
Interest	100.00	---	100.00
Insurance	19,852.98	19,852.98	---
Unpaid Bill - 1975 - Chapter 32B	1,250.28	1,250.28	---
Trout for Stocking Streams	300.00	300.00	---
Town Clock	150.00	96.00	54.00
Town Clock Repairs	220.00	220.00	---
Land Damages	100.00	---	100.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field			
Drivers	25.00	---	25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	400.00	498.34	---
Franklin County Senior Services	1,750.00	1,750.00	---
Historical Society Building	200.00	123.02	76.98
Conservation Commission Expense	150.00	40.00	110.00
Recreation Committee Programs	6,360.00	5,763.88	596.12
Historical Commission	175.00	135.00	40.00
Bicentennial Committee	250.00	235.66	14.34
Transfer & Restore Bern. School House			
to PVRS	450.00	---	450.00
Cemeteries	5,000.00	2,506.61	<u>2,493.39</u>
Unexpended Balances to Revenue			\$ 86,161.66
Reserve Fund	9,000.00	7,780.28	1,219.72
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve			
Police Dept. Radio Monitor	250.00	223.05	26.95
Wiring for Town Garage	500.00	486.00	14.00
Tank for 1968 Ford Fire Truck	2,000.00	1,724.65	275.35
Furniture for Building Commissioner	300.00	294.90	5.10
Ambulance Service	5,000.00	5,000.00	---
Mosquito Spraying	3,800.00	3,560.00	240.00
Index or Microfilm Town of Historical			
Records	500.00	500.00	---

Paint Historical Society Building	1,400.00	1,279.90	120.10
Bicentennial Committee Expense	100.00	100.00	---
Unexpended Balances to Fed. Rev. Shar.			\$ 681.50
Assessors' Revaluation	5,000.00	4,613.53	386.47
Master Plan	4,983.40	3,330.54	1,652.86
Renovate Town Hall	1,500.00	1,039.20	460.80
Civil Defense	1,160.14	---	1,160.14
Infiltration & Inflow Analysis-			
Sewer System	8,200.00	5,423.18	2,776.82
Easements for Sewers	100.00	---	100.00
Legal Fees & Surveys for Sewers	5,000.00	---	5,000.00
Chapter 90 Const. (1975)	45,022.92	35,364.21	9,658.71
Chapter 90 Const. (1976)	36,626.00	---	36,626.00
Highways, Bridges, & Policing	38,887.05	34,174.71	4,712.34
Reconstruct Surface of Gulf Road	12,950.00	1,156.30	11,793.70
Sidewalks	2,000.00	---	2,000.00
Schell Bridge Survey	14,800.00	---	14,800.00
Survey Boundaries of Certain Town			
Ways	3,000.00	---	3,000.00
Elementary School			29,339.32
Index or Microfilm Town Records	500.00	324.54	175.46
Chapter 32B	14,071.12	12,963.05	<u>1,108.07</u>
Unexpended Balances to 1977			\$ 124,750.69
Investments of General Cash			\$ 1,300,000.00
Refunds on Taxes			918.46
Refunds on Motor Vehicle Excise			1,940.51
Refund on Comm. Int. for Sewer Use 1975			.95
Refund on Sewer Use Charges Added to Taxes 1975			45.75
Payroll Deductions:			
Federal Withholding Taxes	40,191.21		
State Withholding Taxes	13,279.16		
County Retirement	6,474.89		
Teachers' Retirement	9,122.60		
Group Health Insurance	6,986.34		
Group Life Insurance	198.96		
Credit Union	3,965.00		
Teachers' Union Dues	1,464.75		
Annuities	<u>50.00</u>		81,732.91
County Dog Care			251.00
Tax Collector's Costs			1,015.00
Dog Licenses Collected for County			583.30
Beautification Fund			37.32
Traffic Duty from Warner Bros.			12,363.75
Massachusetts Sales Tax			48.25
Massachusetts Meals Tax			28.25
Stabilization Fund			20,000.00
Holton Gift for Library			20.00
Lion's Club for Library			75.00
Cemetery Trust Funds to Savings Accounts			1,000.00
Ina Merriman Fund			334.73
Belcher Library Fund			731.98
Marina Stanley Library Book Fund			3.95

School Lunch		19,627.82
Library Extension Title II		2,996.21
LSCA Title I Spec. Proj. Grant		1,035.77
State and County Assessments:		
State Parks and Reservations	12,138.38	
Motor Vehicle Tax Bills	294.00	
County Tax	55,492.53	
County Retirement System	17,950.00	
Veterans' Service Center	2,991.49	
State Audit	3,350.01	
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Cont. Bd.	<u>269.59</u>	<u>92,486.00</u>
Total Payments (Rev. Shar.)		18,821.23
(General)		2,652,669.58
Cash on Hand 6/30/76 (Rev. Shar.)		93,893.79
(General)		<u>45,771.50</u>
		\$ 2,811,156.10

MODERATOR AND EXPENSE

Appropriation		90.00
Salary	50.00	
Dues and Meeting	10.50	
Sound System	15.00	75.50
Balance to Revenue	14.50	90.00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		2,000.00
Supplies	750.89	
Dues	187.50	
Telephone	395.85	
Advertisements	198.69	
Mileage & Meetings	280.80	
Sound Equipment	45.00	
Clerical	21.00	
Lawyers' Co-op. Pub. Co.	59.60	
Registry of Deeds	11.00	1,950.33
Balance to Revenue	49.67	2,000.00

ACCOUNTANT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		100.00
Supplies	17.32	
Book Binding	61.60	
Postage	7.93	86.85
Balance to Revenue	13.15	100.00

TREASURER'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,100.00
Supplies	686.94	
Treasurer's Bond	175.00	
Dues	23.00	
Telephone	8.56	
Mileage	16.80	
Office Machine Repairs	188.91	1,099.21
Balance to Revenue	.79	1,100.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,500.00
Transfer		137.51
Supplies	1,132.64	
Dues	15.00	
Tax Collector's Bond	311.00	
Telephone	5.25	
Book Binding	102.50	
Tax Collector's School	15.00	
Equipment Contract	42.12	
Computer Trust Fund	14.00	1,637.51

ASSESSORS' EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,500.00
Transfer		175.00
Supplies	119.18	
Dues	27.00	
Registry of Deeds	165.00	
Telephone	13.44	
Computer Trust Fund	356.32	
Mileage	104.90	
Meetings	67.75	
Book Binding	102.90	
General Mapping Co.	708.75	1,665.24
Balance to Revenue	9.76	1,675.00

ASSESSORS' REVALUATION

Appropriation (Rev. Shar.)		5,000.00
Payroll	4,228.58	
Supplies	374.95	
Mileage	10.00	4,613.53
Balance to 1977	386.47	5,000.00

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		200.00
Supplies	89.95	
Town Clerk's Bond	20.00	
Telephone	65.05	
Clerical	25.00	200.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation		2,500.00
Transfer		78.88
Registrars	787.00	
Elections	1,035.07	
Ballots	391.26	
Supplies	50.55	
Street Lists	315.00	2,578.88

PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE

Appropriation		700.00
Supplies	110.25	
Telephone	135.82	
Advertisements	121.46	
Postage	83.75	
Meeting	70.00	521.28
Balance to Revenue	178.72	700.00

MASTER PLAN

Balance		4,983.40
Supplies	200.26	
Telephone	78.86	
Advertisements	53.50	
Philip B. Herr, planner	859.92	
Payroll	2,138.00	3,330.54
Balance to 1977	1,652.86	4,983.40

BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSE

Appropriation		250.00
Dues	15.00	
Advertisements	57.90	
Postage	147.25	220.15
Balance to Revenue	29.85	250.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE

Appropriation		125.00
Dues	45.00	
Meeting	39.80	84.80
Balance to Revenue	40.20	125.00

TOWN HALL

Appropriation		9,000.00
Custodians	2,178.89	
New Doors	621.65	
Supplies & Repairs	424.30	
Electricity	892.47	
Window Cleaning	175.00	
Water	153.39	
Fuel	2,926.16	
Storm Windows	740.00	
Tables, Chairs	789.60	
Key Cabinet, Clock	68.26	8,969.72
Balance to Revenue	30.28	9,000.00

RENOVATE TOWN HALL

Appropriation (Rev. Shar.)		1,500.00
Carpet	815.64	
Shades	23.00	
Drapes & Rods	200.56	1,039.20
Balance to 1977	460.80	1,500.00

SLATE HOUSE

Appropriation		500.00
Water	54.80	
Electricity	7.06	61.86
Balance to Revenue	438.14	500.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		7,000.00
Gasoline	2,647.95	
Other Cruiser Expense	930.10	
Equipment and Supplies	650.01	
Telephone	1,832.23	
Dry Cleaning	73.40	
Dog Expense	150.86	
Equipment & Radio Repair	591.69	
Association Dues	45.00	
Electricity for Gas. Pump	66.25	6,987.49
Balance to Revenue	12.51	7,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		7,500.00
Transfer		489.05
Payroll	4,365.88	
Repairs & Supplies	1,943.75	
Telephone	716.47	
Gasoline	840.57	
Food, Drink, Cigarettes	72.38	
Dues	50.00	7,989.05

MAINTENANCE OF FIRE STATION & GARAGE

Appropriation		3,000.00
Transfer		209.63
Electricity	968.97	
Fuel	1,637.07	
Water	53.78	
Supplies & Repairs	449.86	
Lawn Mower	99.95	3,209.63

TREE TRIMMING AND PLANTING

Appropriation		2,000.00
Payroll	1,748.40	
Supplies & Equipment	189.92	
Hired Equipment	45.00	1,983.32
Balance to Revenue	16.68	2,000.00

DUTCH ELM CONTROL

Appropriation		2,000.00
Payroll	1,155.16	
Supplies & Repairs	94.40	
Hired Machinery	750.00	1,999.56
Balance to Revenue	.44	2,000.00

INSECT AND PEST CONTROL

Appropriation		413.06
Payroll	343.95	
Supplies and Repairs	69.00	412.95
Balance to Revenue	.11	413.06

BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		265.00
Supplies	87.21	
Mileage	76.65	
Telephone	3.47	
Court Appearance	12.00	179.33
Balance to Revenue	85.67	265.00

HEALTH

Appropriation		2,000.00
Supplies	181.32	
Association Dues	12.00	
Dog Officer	2.00	
Senior Center Payroll	9.00	
Clinics	373.39	
Telephone	11.85	
Plumbing Inspectors	189.00	
Health Officer	30.00	
Vital Statistics	80.00	888.56
Balance to Revenue	1,111.44	2,000.00

DUMP CONTROL

Appropriation		9,500.00
Attendants	4,260.10	
Hired Machinery	2,372.50	
Exterminator	88.00	
Highway Payroll	1,243.43	
Chipper	108.00	8,072.03
Balance to Revenue	1,427.97	9,500.00

NURSE'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		500.00
Supplies	95.07	
Dues	25.00	
Meetings	6.25	
Telephone	53.86	
Insurance	25.00	
G.C.C. Courses	86.00	
Other	63.60	354.78
Balance to Revenue	145.22	500.00

NURSE'S CAR EXPENSE

Appropriation		700.00
Gasoline & Oil	219.37	
Other	377.37	596.74
Balance to Revenue	103.26	700.00

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWER PLANT

Appropriation		22,415.00
Transfer		30.50
Payroll	12,593.82	
Supplies	1,631.54	
Mileage	27.20	
Telephone	194.90	
Hired Machinery	912.00	
Electricity	4,973.45	
Canadian Railroad	25.00	
Water	45.78	
Repairs	1,185.19	
Engineers' Services	540.60	
Advertising	16.02	
Billing	300.00	22,445.50

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		350.00
Transfer		200.00
Telephone	302.46	
Supplies	175.82	
Advertising	42.94	521.22
Balance to Revenue	28.78	550.00

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION (1973)

Balance		1,205.06
Transfer		977.39
Payroll	814.32	
Material	1,186.13	
Hired Machinery	182.00	2,182.45

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION (1975)

Balance		25,796.92
Surplus Revenue		19,226.00
Payroll	10,746.45	
Material	15,342.41	
Town Machinery	4,136.35	
Hired Machinery	5,139.00	35,364.21
Balance to 1977	9,658.71	45,022.92

CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING & POLICING HIGHWAYS

Chapter 825, Sect. 1			38,848.00
Payroll	11,784.39		
Supplies	6,620.84		
Hired Machinery	5,567.05	23,972.28	
Machinery Maintenance			
Payroll	47.10		
Gasoline	2,104.87		
Supplies & Repairs	4,031.91		
Telephone	68.54	6,252.42	
Snow Removal			
Salt & Additive	2,537.15		
Sand	1,126.81		
Sidewalks	247.00	3,910.96	
			34,135.66
Balance to 1977		4,712.34	38,848.00

CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING & POLICING HIGHWAYS

Surplus Revenue			45,000.00
Machinery Fund			3,155.21
Transfer			2,000.00
Payroll	5,306.04		
Material	2,147.56		
Hired Machinery	1,968.77	9,422.37	
Machinery Maintenance			
Payroll	1,485.27		
Gasoline	4,121.87		
Supplies & Repairs	11,201.21	16,808.35	
Snow Removal			
Payroll	11,086.44		
Salt	6,839.43		
Sand	4,550.62		
Hired Machinery	798.00		
Sidewalks	650.00	23,924.49	
			50,155.21

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS' DAYS

Appropriation			450.00
Loud Speaker System	25.00		
Band	50.00		
Plants	216.30		
Marker Flags	89.42		380.72
Balance to Revenue	69.28		450.00

SCHOOL

Encumbered		26,719.36
Encumbered		1,100.00
Appropriation		339,523.00
Teacher's Salaries	157,904.33	
Superintendent's Salary	6,825.12	
Admin. Assistant's Salary	2,749.92	
Clerks	5,017.59	
Custodians	12,737.96	
Travel	1,096.08	
Nurse	2,295.12	
Transportation	36,064.40	
Textbooks	2,173.44	
Students' Supplies	5,833.57	
Library Supplies	200.00	
Visual Aids	1,029.66	
Testing Services	376.06	
Sundry Education	310.44	
Course Reimbursement	565.47	
Special Needs	23,266.31	
Principal's Office Supplies	75.88	
Census Enumerator	125.00	
Janitors' Supplies	1,655.19	
Fuel	14,371.01	
Telephone	407.08	
Water	685.16	
Electricity	5,844.80	
Repairs & Maintenance	6,211.01	
Replacement of Equipment	1,382.29	
Special Project	1,585.00	
Counsel Fees	328.95	
Superintendent's Professional Dues	56.10	
Newspaper Advertisement	20.68	
Health Supplies	49.43	
Administrative Expense	422.55	
Superintendent's Office Expense	1,767.76	
New Equipment	698.60	
Tuition	19,473.12	
School Committee Expense	21.70	313,626.78
Balance to 1977	29,339.32	
Balance to Revenue	24,376.26	367,342.36

DICKINSON LIBRARY

Appropriation		16,686.00
Dog Fund		405.49
State Aid		986.63

Payroll	11,863.08	
Telephone	146.42	
Electricity	365.69	
Supplies	251.04	
Dues	3.00	
Books	2,631.54	
Magazines and Papers	465.22	
Advertising	4.75	
Mileage & Meetings	36.00	
Fuel	996.66	
Water	36.00	
Field Library	75.00	
Cassette Recorder & Players	76.37	
Table	36.95	
Storm Windows	600.00	
Building Repairs & Maintenance	487.57	18,075.29
Balance to Revenue	2.83	18,078.12

BELCHER LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance		657.31
Receipts		571.92
Books	626.03	
Lawn Mower	105.95	731.98
Balance to 1977	497.25	1,229.23

MARINA STANLEY BOOK FUND INTEREST

Balance		33.39
Receipts		35.20
Book	3.95	3.95
Balance to 1977	64.64	68.59

ED. BUR. LIB. EXT. SPECIAL GRANT

Received		1,305.00
Projector, etc.	1,035.77	1,035.77
Balance to 1977	269.23	1,305.00

HOLTON GIFT

Balance		20.00
Books	20.00	20.00

LIONS' CLUB GIFT

Received		75.00
Cassett Recorder	75.00	75.00

MAINTENANCE OF ATHLETIC FIELD

Appropriation		400.00
Transfer		98.34
Payroll	437.24	
Loam, Seed, etc.	29.55	
Mower blades, etc.	31.55	498.34

ALEXANDER HALL

Appropriation		400.00
Payroll	218.63	
Emergency Lights	117.85	336.48
Balance to Revenue	63.52	400.00

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Appropriation		6,360.00
Summer Playground Payroll	2,788.00	
Playground Supplies & Expense	703.99	
Other Instructors	310.00	
Buses	757.05	
Swimming Pool & Tennis Courts	470.00	
Movies & Custodian	327.35	
Basketball League Fee	60.00	
Little League Uniforms	150.00	
Trophies & Prizes	99.87	
Snowball Refreshments	41.99	
Advertising	20.75	
Stationery	17.00	
Electricity	5.72	
Telephone	4.16	
Dance Tickets	8.00	5,763.88
Balance to Revenue	596.12	6,360.00

CEMETERIES

Appropriation		5,000.00
Cemetery Commissioner	75.00	
Center Cemetery		
Canadian National Railroad	5.00	
Water	36.00	
Payroll	1,076.80	
Gas, Oil	34.79	
Equipment	137.26	
New Roof on Shed	49.57	
West Northfield Cemetery		
Payroll	577.00	
Gas, Oil	13.00	
Northfield Farms Cemetery		
Payroll	225.00	
Supplies	11.47	
Equipment	47.24	
Mount Hermon Cemetery		
Payroll	156.00	
Gas, Oil	9.19	
Equipment	40.49	
So. Mountain Cemetery		
Payroll	12.00	
Gas, Oil	.80	2,506.61
Balance to Revenue	2,493.39	5,000.00

ANNUAL REPORT
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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
1976

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas R. Shearer, Chairman	Term expires 1977
Mrs. Mary Llewelyn, Secretary	Term expires 1979
Chadwick T. Glover	Term expires 1979
Mrs. Rebecca Fowler	Term expires 1978
Walter Asseng	Term expires 1978

MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Center School.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Edwin F. Harrington
Westfield State College - B.S.E., M.Ed.
Springfield College - CAGS, Administration
Office - 75 Main Street, Northfield - Tel. 498-2911

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

David E. Zellmer
University of Wisconsin - B.A. in English and French

UNION SECRETARIES

Mrs. Helen Mahoney
Mrs. Madelyn J. Page
Mrs. Edith G. Waaser, P.T.

OFFICE HOURS

School Days - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
School Vacations - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PRINCIPAL

John J. Kelley, III - B.S., M.S.E.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

George Harris, Jr., M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Karen Marsh, R.N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools Open September 9, 1976	Close November 24, 1976
Schools Open November 29, 1976	Close December 22, 1976
Schools Open January 3, 1977	Close February 18, 1977
Schools Open February 28, 1977	Close April 15, 1977
Schools Open April 25, 1977	* Close June 20, 1977

*Subject to meeting State Requirements

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Northfield:

The September 1976 enrollment of (277) students represents parity with most recent levels, and some decline over an extended period. The projected 1977-78 enrollment will maintain present grade and staffing patterns of two assignments per level, inclusive of Kindergarten morning and afternoon sessions. Past report readers may be assured that our on-going in-service, K-6 and K-12, remains a viable tool in maintaining and increasing teacher effectiveness; that our standardized (test) assessment reflects consistency above the national norm, and that our continued concern with basic skill efficiency ranks high on a list of priorities - one that we share with parent and home by way of student profiles depicting individual and group student scholastic growth patterns.

Northfield Elementary School, a member of the five (5) town Union #18 and Pioneer Valley Regional School District, also continues to share the services of an itinerant staff inclusive of a special needs administrator, nurse, psychologist, instrumental and vocal music, art, special needs instructor and aides. The on-site staff, support personnel, contracted speech therapy, remediation and counseling services form a system effort toward providing an efficient, cost-conscious response to the diversified needs of our student body.

Membership in a consortium of (17) towns, known as the Franklin County Collaborative and (18) towns, within the Franklin County Vocational Technical District, respectively, expand the service base of our educational community. We are also proud of our efforts to provide funded resources via Title I remedial reading and arithmetic instructors, library and media materials under Title IVB, and career education investigation at both the elementary and secondary level. Enrichment and co-curricular after-school activity has extended learning situations to the museum, library, aquarium, government institution, environmental site, playing field and craft table. This year also found added effort by way of a foreign language enrichment offering, provided twice weekly to grade six students in the area of Language (Spanish) and exploration into Latin American cultures, mores, economics, life style and educational characteristics of our neighbors to the South.

A review of effort thus reinforces a concept of solidarity, sprinkled with enriched opportunity and expanded service to our system students. More opportunity has been provided, greater numbers of community parent and resource persons are involved in a supportive cast, and our achievements, despite cries of national calamity, are firm.

Yet, there is an element of concern on the horizon. Science and technology over a period of time has provided a secondary social effect - it has accelerated our (social) needs. To those outside the field of education, the current difficulties in developing and implementing solutions to socioeducational problems may be attributed to an ivory tower syndrome; of being out of touch with reality. Unfortunately a myth continues to exist, that education and reality are like oil and water; they don't mix. But reality has come to the educational scene. Society expects education to solve such social

issues as morality, discrimination, crime, poverty and while doing so to feed, to teach students to drive, to cope with a household budget, to file tax statements, purchase insurance, relate to the opposite sex and to form meaningful relationships with all ages and levels of (their) fellow man - a large order for any institution.

Of further note is the fact that these expanded responsibilities are being assumed during a time when all the professions are facing a creditability crisis, critical of professional claims to competence and lack of responsiveness to today's job market skills. Most critical though, amidst these multi-dimensional factors, is the expansion of an 'expectation gap' between the profession's ability to perform and the public's expectation level. We are sensitive to declining college entrance scores, drugs and alcohol, student discipline and yet also sensitive to becoming a scapegoat for the failure of society's institutions to cope with their share of the problems - most sensitive are we to legislated mandate that tends to load greater responsibility onto the school.

It is doubtful that society will reassess or accurately assign its tasks to pertinent institutions - the family, the church, the guild and the school. But if the school accepts, and often it volunteers to provide such services, then it must develop a social conscience in its citizenry, for to perform such a vast array of services requires persons and monies. The first is relatively easy to secure, the second will require greater local efforts or a refinancing of the nations school systems. It must turn attention to existing disparities between school districts, the spending level between poor and wealthy school areas, and the over-reliance on property tax. Political obstacles must be overcome, equalized tax burdens and a shift from local to state to federal government assistance must become compatible with retention of meaningful policy making at the local level, for the ability to pay more is finite. Our way of life in the greater New England area may be jeopardized by increased costs, costs that are no longer spread evenly throughout our programs, costs that will escalate if the expectancy level increases and is reinforced and strengthened by advocate action. This geographic area continues to benefit from distance and time lag but even that is quickly dissipated; costs will continue to fuel citizen concern on our local financial scene.

We, as educators, initially entrusted with instructional tasks, must abide and comply with Chapter 766, civil rights affirmative action, breakfast programs, occupational and career direction, survey and form beyond imagination, amidst declining enrollment concerns, unpredictable reimbursement, rising energy costs, higher maintenance and service charges, and a society's reluctance to lower or reallocate institution or agency responsibility or to critically assess the expectancy level vital to its need.

Historically, schools have responded and I suspect will continue to do so. They have been able to because once the public's initial irritation with costs and strategy has subsided they have formed a most supportive force - we ask only that they continue to do so more aware of the changing role of schools in present day society, caught between mandated program, professional and public over-expectancy;

seeking to maintain an accountable profile in a sea of escalating forces. We ask your understanding.

We feel especially good each passing year with increased community involvement - a valued ingredient at Northfield Elementary School. Parents, volunteers, aides, interns and resource persons, substantial in number, have provided time, talent, interest and input into a community school that seeks to be responsive to children's needs. We are aware and will respond to the challenge, knowing that we share in a most supportive experience; one in which parents seek to reinforce the developmental task of assisting children to grow to a full awareness of the world about them. We accept our responsibility to provide preparatory life skills and concepts conducive to meeting societal and individual needs. Finally, we feel especially fortunate to be a part of a community that seeks quality education for its children, yet remains aware and responsive to the totality of community needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin F. Harrington
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The expansion of the Northfield School Committee from three (3) to five (5) members during this past year reflects the extended areas of responsibility so much a part of today's educational arena - one that mandates participation beyond the boundaries of the elementary school program, and projects a member into regional and union-wide committee assignment. The once-a-month obligation of yester year has given way to active involvement in committee and subcommittee assignment at the Regional and Union #18 levels, coupled with countless hours of negotiation assignment at each unit level. No longer can a governmental body function within a single sphere; the interfacing of project applications, long-range program assessment and the need for broader funding mandates that the school committee maintain an active liason with numerous town officials, citizenry and area systems organizations.

The Committee, undaunted by past rejection of a governmental sewage project application and town defeat of proposed all-purpose facilities, joined with Selectmen in seeking a Works Program Administration Application for construction of said same facilities and endorsed a recreation complex proposal utilizing school (town) land to the rear of existing plant facilities. All are aware of the dearth of funding in the greater Western Mass. area to date, and subsequent rejection of application - hopefully, the effort and research expended will form firm basis for soliciting alternative fund sources in the future.

Mandated programs highlighted continued search for on-site space and alternative means of maintaining a responsible financial posture. Chapter 766, in its third year, placed strain on dollars needed to effect prescriptive programs and continues to create a level of expectation on the part of parent, educator and advocate that, combined with on-going service and energy costs, quickly exhausts resourceful Committee alternatives.

A continuous systematic response to maintenance and replacement needs at the two elementary buildings focused on classroom painting, window shade replacement, boiler refurbishment in the north building and the extension of classroom furniture replacement in one additional room. Regretably cost increase in mandated areas of the budget may curtail and restrict the Committee's response to past well-regulated and planned facility maintenance needs, within the existing budget framework and also within 1977-78 cost proposals.

This past year bore witness to an absence of personnel change, formerly prompted by retirement, job transfer and a more open job market. There has been temporary personnel shift within the cafeteria and aide ranks but within the total staff, consistency reigns, following a period of transition.

Despite the shifting complexity of committee role, the increased legal, financial and educational demands; there continues to be positive challenge to a post that is made rewarding by a year of committed staff service, community cooperation, and student success. We, as a Committee, wish to express our appreciation to the many persons involved and to rededicate member efforts to the continuing quest for quality education at the Northfield Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Shearer, Chairman

Mary Llewelyn, Secretary

Chadwick T. Glover, Representative
to PVRS

Rebecca Fowler, F.C. Ed.,

Collaborative

Walter Asseng

NORTHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 1976 (K-6)

	Expended <u>1/1-6/30</u>	Appropriation <u>1976-1977</u>	Expended <u>7/1-12/31</u>	Budget <u>1977-1978</u>
1000 ADMINISTRATION	7,333.42	17,545.00	8,428.84	17,526.00
2000 INSTRUCTION	133,849.03	209,302.00	69,293.71	235,861.00
3000 OTHER SERVICES	22,617.19	47,982.00	15,794.32	42,917.00
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	26,337.28	41,910.00	17,427.40	45,836.00
5000 FIXED CHARGES	1,107.90	2,739.00	1,168.70	3,067.00
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	516.58	1,000.00	121.77	675.00
9000 OTHER PROGRAMS	<u>14,819.03</u>	<u>22,902.00</u>	<u>7,699.73</u>	<u>30,631.00</u>
TOTALS	206,580.43	343,380.00	119,934.47	376,513.00

NET COST OF EDUCATION 1976 (K-12, inc. Voc.)

Expenditures (Elementary School)	326,514.90	
Expenditures (P.V.R.S., Northfield's share)	448,460.32	
Expenditures (F.C.T.S., Northfield's share)	<u>44,274.60</u>	\$819,249.86

Reimbursements:

Chapter 70 School Aid	78,802.46	
Chapter 71B Special Needs	34,349.79	
Chapter 71 Sec. 16D Regional School Aid	3,867.50	
Chapter 74, Sec. 10 Vocation tuition	4,121.00	
Chapter 71, Sec. 7A Transportation	21,472.00	
Surplus Reimb., Technical School	<u>225.00</u>	142,837.75

Reimb. paid to P.V.R.S., Northfield's share	141,019.79
Reimb. paid to F.C.T.S., Northfield's share	<u>2,158.70</u>

286,016.24

Net Cost to Schools (K-12, inc. Voc.)

\$533,233.62

REIMBURSEMENTS AND NET COST (K-12, inc. Voc.)

Year	Total Cost	Reimbursements	%	Net Cost	Pupils	Cost per Pupil
1966	320,726.79	85,893.18	26.7	234,833.61	624	376.33
1967	352,174.31	112,251.35	31.9	239,922.73	613	391.39
1968	396,808.04	114,380.65	28.8	282,527.39	614	457.16
1969	413,416.51	137,866.55	30.0	275,549.96	575	479.21
1970	483,898.48	210,542.50	43.5	273,355.98	580	471.30
1971	541,997.36	127,163.50	23.5	414,833.86	602	689.09
1972	613,376.33	170,887.65	27.9	442,488.68	609	726.58
1973	618,182.19	124,892.64	20.2	493,289.46	607	812.67
1974	646,524.03	169,867.49	26.3	476,656.54	612	778.85
1975	723,709.56	126,232.01	17.4	597,477.55	598	999.12
1976	819,249.86	286,016.24	34.9	533,233.62	598	962.52

ENROLLMENT

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
K (Elementary)	16	33	49
1	15	16	31
2	19	16	35
3	15	15	30
4	30	17	47
5	18	17	35
6	<u>29</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>51</u>
	142	136	278
7 (P.V.R.S.)	18	31	49
8	25	22	47
9	11	19	30
10	13	21	34
11	19	14	33
12	18	30	48
P.G.	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	104	138	242
Northfield Mount Hermon	13	22	35
Franklin Co. Technical School	26	4	30
Bement School	2	1	3
The Common School	2		2
Maple Valley	1		1
Erving Elementary		1	1
Browndale	1		1
Essex Co. Vocation School		1	1
Devereaux School	1		1
Austine School		1	1
Woods School	1		1
Rehabilitation Center	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	48	30	78

NORTHFIELD SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM 1976

Opening cash balance		\$1,687.41
Receipts	\$21,828.10	
Disbursements	18,809.19	3,018.91
Closing cash balance		\$4,706.32

ANNUAL REPORT
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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1976

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. John Thayer, Chairman	Northfield
Mrs. Helen Whipple, Vice-Chairman	Warwick
Mrs. Linda Franklin	Bernardston
Mr. Douglas R. Davies	Bernardston
Mr. Byron Beckwith	Bernardston
Mr. Raymond Ainsworth	Leyden
Mrs. Dorothy Rumens	Leyden
Mrs. Edith Snow	Leyden
Mr. Chadwick T. Glover	Northfield
Dr. Warren Blake	Northfield
Miss Anita Pike	Warwick
Mr. George Foot	Warwick
Mr. Hamilton S. Cregar	Treasurer
Mr. David E. Zellmer	Secretary

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL

Annual Report of the Principal -- 1976

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

I herewith submit my ninth annual report as principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School in this our country's Bicentennial Year.

P.V.R.S.'s Bicentennial Committee, chaired by Ramona Chambers, planned and implemented our school's Bicentennial Fair in May, 1976. The Fair included a variety of department projects/displays, crafts demonstrations, buffet dinner, and ended with the presentation of the Town of Warwick's pageant. The Bicentennial Committee had five hundred "Certificates of Contribution" designed and printed by our P.V.R.S. Art Department. These were sold for \$2.00 each to aid in the completion of work on our historic one room school house.

ENROLLMENT

Our school opened this September with an enrollment of 514. This is a decrease of 77 over last year's September enrollment of 591. This decrease is directly due to the September 1976 opening of the Franklin County Technical School. It is estimated/projected that our September enrollment will be down to 485 as approximately twenty more Pioneer students will be entering F.C.T.S.

The enrollments as of December 1, 1976, were as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Town of:				T	Total
			Nfld.	Bern.	Ley.	War.		
Grade 7	39	57	50	29	8	9		96
Grade 8	58	44	47	34	9	12		102
Grade 9	29	42	30	22	11	8		71
Grade 10	25	40	34	20	6	5		65
Grade 11	36	45	32	32	15	2		81
Grade 12	46	51	48	31	9	9		97
	233	279						512

CURRICULUM

As a comprehensive school we have continued to carry out the goal of our stated philosophy - to provide the broadest and most effective educational experiences possible within the limitations of our resources. To meet changing student needs, we continue to offer courses and student activities to encourage flexibility, specialization and individual choice.

We have been fortunate this year to receive two grants which are the results of projects written and submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Education. They are:

1. Home Economics (Survival Skills: Coping with Life) - \$24,211. was realized by Pioneer's Home Economics Department from this project. These funds provided Pioneer with a home economics assistant, a complete video tape outfit as well as other equipment, cabinet/storage facilities and instructional materials. This project established P.V.R.S. as the pilot school in the Commonwealth for this Coping with Life program.
2. Title VI B: Alternative Classroom - Pioneer received a \$12,000. grant to staff a "school-within-a-school" program for students who cannot function successfully in a traditional classroom setting. In this alternative classroom setting a variety of student needs are met and there exists the opportunity for the individualized planning and instruction required by these students.

In addition, a Home Economics Department Curriculum Development proposal was approved for funding by the School Committee. This \$400. grant was for the development of a revised curriculum for Grades 7-8 to comply with Chapter 622 and give equal opportunities to both sexes in the areas of home economics.

The year 1976 saw a change in our mini-course format. Two three (3) day programs were conducted - one between semesters and one at the end of the school year.

The staff has been involved in a variety of in-service workshop programs in an effort to up-date all staff members in topics/areas of mutual concern to all. Some of these in-service workshops have dealt with the following: teacher effectiveness training, writing skills, listening and speaking skills, the metric system, and a series of special needs sessions.

Our Honor Roll Selection Policy was revised to insure the need to recognize the honor status for a more selective group of students. The new Honor Roll Selection Policy states:

High Honors: 3.8 average and above
Honors: 3.3 average and above
Only A, B or C student grades are eligible for consideration.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Several modification/additions were approved by the School Committee in an effort to insure a more positive program and afford more students an opportunity to become involved in our school's activities. Several of these were:

1. Extra-Curricular Eligibility Policy Modification - all students are granted one marking period of immunity from existing P.V.R.S. extra-curricular eligibility criteria during the school year. The positive impact of this policy allows every student to become highly motivated, at least once, by participation in an extra-curricular activity during the school year. Hopefully, such an opportunity will stimulate a responsive academic effort from a student to continue his/her status in the extra-curricular program at P.V.R.S.
2. A Late, Late Bus (5:30 P.M.) was added to provide incentive/service for the student body during its year long extra-curricular programs. During the fall and spring seasons this bus runs four (4) days a week while from mid-November to mid-March it runs only two (2) days a week.
3. In December the administration was directed to withdraw from the Inter-County Football League and seek to establish an independent football schedule for the 1977 season with schools more comparable in size to Pioneer.

CHOSEN CAREERS

The Class of 1976 made plans for the future as follows:

4 year college	24	Work	31
2 year college	5	Service	3
Post graduate work	6	Marriage	2
		Undecided	2

45% - pursuing further education
45% - entered the world of work
10% - service, marriage or undecided

IN CONCLUSION

The key to the successes and progress accomplished during 1976 lays in the dedicated efforts put forth by the entire P.V.R.S. team - Superintendent Harrington, the School Committee, administration, faculty, other school personnel, students, parents, and citizens of our school district. My sincere thanks to all for their untiring efforts in behalf of their school and its students.

I shall continue to lead Pioneer with my utmost dedication and concern for all. May each of us profit from having been associated with one another.

Respectfully submitted,

William K. Decker

Principal

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report of the Treasurer

Fiscal Year 1975-76

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

Balance on hand July 1, 1975

E & D Capital Surplus		\$ 231.19	
E & D Operating Surplus		126,255.19	
Federal - State Programs			
NDEA - Title II	\$ 10.51		
Title III	23.08		
Title V	304.65		
Title VI	6.63		
George Barden Fund	<u>10.50</u>	355.37	
Special Funds			
School Lunch	4,009.84		
Athletics - Gate Receipts	1,548.78		
School Band	553.57		
Student Scholarship Reserve	267.40		
Athletic Equipment - Insurance			
payment bal.	<u>12.95</u>	6,392.54	
Reserve for Maturing Debt - Savings acct.		<u>3,601.98</u>	\$136,836.27

Receipts - Capital

School Bldg. Assist. But. - Construct-			
ion reimb.	44,695.22		
Capital Savings Accounts - Interest	80.83		
Town Assessment Payments			
Bernardston	11,639.78		
Leyden	4,019.49		
Northfield	21,855.99		
Warwick	<u>4,354.45</u>	86,645.76	

*Dist. Comm. voted on 1/23/75 to reserve
\$21,500 of SBAB final reimb. to equalize
reduction of FY 1976-77 Capital Budget
town assessments with FY '75-'76

Receipts - Operational

State Reimbursements			
Transportation			
1972-73 School year balance	5,456.00		
1973-74 School year balance	10,269.00		
1974-75 School year - approx.			
94%	71,915.00		
Special Needs - Chapter 766	11,646.84		
Occupation Education - Chap.			
74 S9	26,180.00		
Regional School Aid - Chap.			
71 S16D 492	<u>97,661.39</u>	223,128.23	
Town Assessment Payments			
Bernardston	278,762.10		
Leyden	94,940.72		
Northfield	358,216.04		
Warwick	<u>61,947.14</u>	<u>793,866.00</u>	
Carried forward		1,103,639.99	136,836.27

Brought forward		1,103,639.99	136,836.27
Receipts - Operational (continued)			
Tuition			
Greenfield Student - 12/75-6/76	\$ 828.00		
Laboratory Nursery-Sch.Yr. 1975-76	<u>600.00</u>	1,428.00	
Federal - State Programs			
NDEA - Title II - Proj. No. SP86	800.28		
Title III - Proj. No.			
75-292-10	904.54		
Title VI B Proj. No.			
76-750-099	<u>4,876.00</u>	6,580.82	
Special Funds			
School Lunch			
Sales	20,851.40		
Fed.-State Reimbursements			
1974-75	3,081.67		
1975-76	<u>16,781.48</u>	40,714.55	
Sales Tax Collections - Adult Lunches		72.85	
Athletics - Gate Receipts	2,497.20		
School Band	175.00		
Student Scholarship Reserve	1,555.85		
Bicentennial School House -			
Certificates	<u>228.00</u>	4,456.05	
Other Receipts			
Driver Education - Student Fees	2,323.00		
Mini-Course Program - Student Fees	695.91		
Occupational Ed. Tools -			
Insurance payment	378.55		
Insurance Rebates	348.00		
Industrial Arts - Shop Projects	203.46		
Occupational Ed. - Sale of shed	200.00		
Lost books & materials - Student			
reimb.	148.00		
Industrial Arts - Sale of old			
planer	126.05		
School Nurse - Supplies	110.90		
Broken window - Student reimb. -			
Ins. payment	104.64		
New Eng. Telephone - Commissions	54.34		
Use of School Building	37.50		
Interest Income-Operating accounts	9,094.87		
Petty Cash Funds - returned	165.00		
Transfer from Trust Funds			
(2 Scholar.)	100.00		
Miscellaneous	<u>5.52</u>	14,095.74	
Gift - Designated - Powers Inst. Trustees		500.00	
Laboratory Nursery Tuitions - Adv. payt.1976-77	<u>600.00</u>	1,172,088.00	
Total Receipts and Holdings		<u>\$1,308,924.27</u>	

Disbursements - Capital

Redemption of 2.75% Bonds - Partial

\$ 65,000.00

Interest Payments

July 1, 1975 1,787.50

January 1, 1976 893.75 67,681.25

Disbursements - Operational

Operating Budget

#1000-Administration 30,332.53

#2000-Instruction 639,269.34

#3000-Other Services 111,685.89

#4000-Operation & Maintenance 102,052.34

#5000-Fixed Charges 47,947.06

#7000-Acquisition of Equipment 16,663.62

#9000-Programs with Other Schools 15,631.13 963,581.91

Add transfers from E & D Operating

Surplus voted by Dist. Committee

9/25/75 Completion of Well & pump 9,126.23

10/23/75 Weaver vs. PVRs-Judgment 7,429.45 16,555.68

Federal - State Programs

NDEA - Title II - Proj. No. SP86 798.32

Title V 304.65

Title VIB Proj. No.

76-750-099 4,433.38 5,536.35

Special Funds

School Lunch 38,823.52

Sales tax payments-Com. of Mass. 72.85

Athletics - Gate Receipts 3,177.29

Student Scholarship Reserve

Scholarship - Terrie Damon 150.00

Supplies - Soda Machine 1,177.35

Bicentennial School House 2,417.04 45,818.05

Other Disbursements

Mini Course Program 695.91

Occupational Ed. Tools-Replacement 354.91

Window replacement-Insurance payt. 104.64

Petty Cash Funds 165.00

Scholarships - Trust Funds

Leonard Eastman Fund - Michelle

LaValley 50.00

Theodore Cronyn Fund - Jeffrey

Parsons 50.00

Science Equip. - Incubator - Powers

Institute 500.00 1,920.46

Encumbrance of a portion of anticipated

Operating Surplus for Drives & Parking

Lot black top voted by Committee 6/24/76 11,284.00 1,112,377.70

Carried forward

\$ 1,112,377.70

Brought forward			\$1,112,377.70
Balance on hand June 30, 1976			
E & D Capital Surplus		97.02	
E & D Operating Surplus		186,007.47	
Federal - State Programs			
NDEA - Title II	12.47		
Title III-Proj.No.75-292-10	927.62		
Title VI	6.63		
Title VI B - Proj.No.			
76-750-099	442.62		
George Barden Fund	10.50	1,399.84	
Special Funds			
School Lunch	5,900.87		
Athletics - Gate Receipts	868.69		
School Band	728.57		
Student Scholarship Reserve	495.90		
Athletic Equipment-Insurance payment	12.95		
Occupational Ed. Tools - Insurance			
payt.	23.64		
Bicentennial School House	(-789.04)	7,241.58	
Reserve for Maturing Deb. - Savings acct.		1,200.66	
Laboratory Nursery Tuitions -			
Adv. pay. '76-'77		600.00	*196,546.57
			<u>1,308,924.27</u>
*Distribution of Cash as of June 30, 1976			
Reserve for Maturing Debt - Capital			
Greenfield Savings Bank	339.10		
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank	861.56	1,200.66	
Operating Cash on Deposit June 30, 1976			
Franklin Co. Trust Co.,-checking			
acct.	7,955.93		
Boston Five Cents Sav. - NOW			
acct.	95,270.51		
Franklin Savings Inst.-Savings			
acct.	94,403.53		
State Street Bank-Savings acct.	468.98		
Northampton Inst. Sav. - Savings			
acct.	89,759.45		
Franklin Sav.-1 yr. Term-Mat			
7/30/76	21,500.00	309,358.40	
Less Disbursements as of June 30, 1976			
Encumbered Salaries-Teachers'			
July, Aug.	94,188.44		
Clean-up Warrant	8,540.05		
Black top Contract per Comm.			
vote 6/24/76	11,284.00	114,012.49	195,345.91
			<u>\$*196,546.57</u>
Trust Funds - Scholarship Accounts			
Balance on hand July 1, 1975		1,845.48	
Receipts-Interest 7/1/75-6/30/76		110.73	1,956.21

Disbursements - Scholarships			
Leonard Eastman Fund -			
Michelle LaValley	50.00		
Theodore Cronyn Fund -			
Jeffrey Parsons	<u>50.00</u>	100.00	
Balance on hand June 30, 1976		<u>1,856.21</u>	<u>1,956.21</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Hamilton S. Cregar
District Treasurer

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Report of the Treasurer
For the First Six Months of Fiscal Year 1977

July 1 - December 31, 1976

Balance on hand July 1, 1976	\$195,345.91	
Receipts-July 1 - December 31, 1976	<u>505,056.98</u>	\$700,402.89
Disbursements-July 1 - December 31, 1976		<u>473,433.71</u>
Balance on hand, December 31, 1976		\$226,969.18

Distribution of Funds - Operating

Franklin County Trust Company	\$ 29,973.98	
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank	5,459.19	
Franklin Savings Inst. (Spec. Notice)	21,500.00	
Franklin Savings Inst.	70,844.13	
Northampton Inst. for Savings	<u>99,191.88</u>	\$226,969.18

Trust Funds

Balance on hand July 1, 1976	\$ 1,856.21	
Receipts - Geo. A. Warner Scholarship Funds	<u>10,500.00</u>	
Balance on hand December 31, 1976		\$ 12,356.21

Distribution of Funds - Trusts

Franklin Savings Inst. (Spec. Notice)	1,856.21	
Boston Five Cents Savings (4-year Term Cert. - 7½%)	<u>10,500.00</u>	\$ 12,356.21

Respectfully submitted,

Hamilton S. Cregar
District Treasurer

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Fiscal Year 1976		Fiscal Year 1977		FY 1978
	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Budget</u>
1000 ADMINISTRATION	29,972.	30,332.53	35,007.	16,926.30	34,686.
2000 INSTRUCTION	650,359	639,269.34	706,855*	235,934.64	744,567.
3000 OTHER SERVICES	117,050	111,685.89	118,237*	45,291.64	122,084.
4000 OPERATION & MAINT.	111,594	113,336.34	110,762.	43,389.31	107,194.
5000 FIXED CHARGES	41,037	47,947.06	55,854	29,904.08	59,725.
7000 ACQ. FIXED ASSETS	23,738	16,663.62	14,381	7,449.89	14,016.
9000 PROGRAMS W/OTHERS	<u>19,884.</u>	<u>15,631.13</u>	<u>7,534</u>	<u>2,532.70</u>	<u>6,953.</u>
	993,634	974,865.91	1,048,630	381,428.56	1,089,225.

*reassignment of nurse's salary to #3000 account, following negotiations

FISCAL YEAR 1978
OPERATING BUDGET

1000 Administration	34,686.00	
2000 Instruction	744,567.00	
3000 Other Services	122,034.00	
4000 Operation & Maintenance	107,194.00	
5000 Fixed Charges	59,725.00	
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	14,016.00	
9000 Programs with Other Schools	<u>6,953.00</u>	\$1,089,225.00

Reduced by:

State Reimbursements:

Regional School Aid (Ch.492)

Special Needs (Ch.766)

Transportation

Occupational Education

Miscellaneous

Total Reduction

210,000.00

To be apportioned among member Towns

\$879,225.00

Apportionments:

Bernardston	166.5/510.5	\$ 286,759.97
Leyden	58.0/510.5	99,892.36
Northfield	241.5/510.5	415,931.12
Warwick	44.5/510.5	<u>76,641.55</u>

\$879,225.00

NO CAPITAL BUDGET
PAYMENT OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS
COMPLETED JULY 1, 1976

SCHOOL LUNCH

Opening cash balance January 1, 1976		\$ 898.33
Receipts	\$ 41,806.90	
Disbursements	<u>36,950.39</u>	<u>4,856.51</u>
Closing cash balance December 31, 1976		\$5,754.84

December 31, 1976
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the citizens of Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Rowe, Shelburne, Sunderland, Whately, Warwick and Wendell.

With the close of 1976, the Committee has left behind the planning and organizing of the District, the construction of a building, the hiring of a superintendent-director, staff and faculty, and all the other nitty gritty things that were so important to open the doors to over 600 students last September. All of this on a budget planned for only 300 students.

To add to its problems, the loss of the superintendent-director forced the Committee to look for and to hire a new one. We were very fortunate to have Mr. James J. O'Neil, Jr. come on board as our new superintendent-director. With the ease and smoothness of the first day of school, and the days since, he shows his ability to handle the job. Of course, much credit also goes to Dr. Ray Franklin, Assistant Director and Mr. Raymond Avery, Director of Pupil Personnel Services and all other staff members who put a lot of ground work into the running of things during this interim period.

In this past year, we have had the addition of the Town of Whately to the District. With this addition, we are now tied with Cape Cod Vocational Technical as the largest school districts in the state.

Mr. Edward Tombs, a former committee member, was appointed Treasurer of the District. We have benefited in many ways from his experience and his handling of the District's monies.

During the year, the Committee received the resignation of Attorney Arthur Walder as the District's Counsel. He is to be commended for his service to the District. His successor, Attorney John Finn, comes to us well experienced and should serve us equally well.

Seven resignations from the Committee occurred in 1976 - James Carpenter of Gill, Andrew Wait of Greenfield, Edward Tombs of Greenfield, Paul Lively of Heath, Robert Avery of Montague, Ernestine Rogelbert of Warwick and Claire Stewart of Wendell. Their towns should commend them for the time and effort put into the successful operation of this school. They were replaced by Mrs. Shirley Flagg of Gill, Mrs. Jane Dutcher of Greenfield, Mr. Paul Viens of Greenfield, and Mrs. Joyce Ray of Warwick. As yet, Heath, Montague and Wendell have not chosen replacement committee members.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank Superintendent-Director James J. O'Neil, Jr., his administrative team, clerical and custodial staff, faculty, advisors, municipal officials and area educators for their assistance during the year. I look forward to another year of fine cooperation between the School District and the

communities which have helped to make Franklin County Technical School a great opportunity for all students in Franklin County.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence H. Warner
Chairman

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

December 31, 1976

Judith Beckwith, Bernardston
Robert MacGregor III, Buckland
Walker Miles, Colrain
George Eldridge, Conway
David Filkins, Deerfield
Francis Dubay, Sr., Erving
Shirley Flagg, Gill
Marilyn Lee, Greenfield
Paul Viens, Greenfield
Domenic Ferrante, Greenfield
Jane Dutcher, Greenfield

Vacancy, Heath
Vacancy, Montague
Charles Gloski, Montague
Harold Overing, New Salem
Marian Holbrook, Northfield
John Riggan, Rowe
Harold Harris, Shelburne
Clarence Warner, Sunderland
Joyce Ray, Warwick
Vacancy, Wendell
Jane Grybko, Whately

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FISCAL YEAR 1978 FINAL BUDGET

FINAL APPROVAL JANUARY 19, 1977

RECAPITULATION

OPERATING

1000 ADMINISTRATION	\$ 71,750.
2000 INSTRUCTION	1,128,508.
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	317,950.
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	282,620.
5000 FIXED CHARGES	93,100.
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	299,970.
SPECIAL EDUCATION	77,915.
OCCUPATIONAL EVENING PROGRAM	30,000.

OPERATING TOTAL	\$2,301,813.
LESS ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT	- 460,000.

TOTAL OPERATING TO BE ASSESSED TO TOWNS \$1,841,813.

CAPITAL

8000 DEBT RETIREMENT AND DEBT SERVICE	\$ 742,960.
CAPITAL TOTAL	\$ 742,960.
LESS ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT	- 384,000.
TOTAL CAPITAL TO BE ASSESSED TO TOWNS	\$ 358,960.

SUMMARY

Operating and Capital Budget Total	\$3,044,773.
Less Estimated Reimbursements	- 844,000.
Total Assessment to Towns	\$2,200,773.

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 1978 BUDGET ASSESSMENT
7/1/77 Through 6/30/78

TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET \$2,200,773.

SPECIAL OPERATING TOTAL

	OPERATING %	OPERATING SHARE	OPERATING %	SPECIAL OPERATING SHARE	OPERATING SHARE	CAPITAL %	CAPITAL SHARE	TOTAL ASSESSMENT
BERNARDSTON	7.25	131,356.44	3.81	1,143.00	132,499.44	2.785	9,997.03	142,496.47
BUCKLAND	3.53	63,957.00	4.76	1,428.00	65,385.00	3.325	11,935.42	77,320.42
COLRAIN	2.79	50,549.58	3.37	1,011.00	51,560.58	2.955	10,607.27	62,167.85
CONWAY	2.97	53,810.85	1.97	591.00	54,401.85	2.020	7,250.99	61,652.84
DEERFIELD	10.59	191,871.00	8.67	2,601.00	194,472.00	7.170	25,737.43	220,209.43
ERVING	3.72	67,399.44	3.20	960.00	68,359.44	5.710	20,496.62	88,856.06
GILL	3.16	57,253.29	3.40	1,020.00	58,273.29	2.335	8,381.72	66,655.01
GREENFIELD	28.44	515,279.62	36.62	10,986.00	526,265.62	32.405	116,320.99	642,586.61
HEATH	1.11	20,111.13	0.78	234.00	20,345.13	1.045	3,751.13	24,096.26
MONTAGUE	18.59	336,816.04	15.34	4,602.00	341,418.04	13.690	49,141.62	390,559.66
NEW SALEM	0.56	10,146.15	1.05	315.00	10,461.15	0.935	3,356.28	13,817.43
NORTHFIELD	5.57	100,917.99	6.09	1,827.00	102,744.99	5.295	19,006.93	121,751.92
ROWE	0.56	10,146.15	0.44	132.00	10,278.15	8.810	31,624.38	41,902.53
SHELburnE	3.72	67,399.44	4.46	1,338.00	68,737.44	3.350	12,025.16	80,762.60
SUNDERLAND	1.86	33,699.72	2.24	672.00	34,371.72	3.910	14,035.34	48,407.06
WARWICK	1.49	26,996.01	0.88	264.00	27,260.01	0.955	3,428.07	30,688.08
WENDELL	1.49	26,996.01	0.44	132.00	27,128.01	0.745	2,674.25	29,802.26
WHATELY	2.60	47,107.14	2.48	744.00	47,851.14	2.560	9,189.37	57,040.51
	100.00%	1,811,813.00	100.00%	\$30,000.00	\$1,841,813.00	100.000%	\$358,960.00	\$2,200,773.00

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

SUMMARY OF CONTACTS - FISCAL 1976

1. Active Service	16
2. Bonus	34
3. Compensation	87
4. Death Benefits	396
5. Discharges	83
6. Education	122
7. Employment	115
8. Finance	452
9. Housing	15
10. Insurance	59
11. Legal	50
12. Loans	63
13. Medical	243
14. Notarizations	159
15. Pensions	558
16. Photostats	4768
17. Recordings	27
18. Selective Service	27
19. Social Security	105
20. Taxes	420
21. Veterans' Benefits	3916
22. Vital Statistics	120
23. Unclassified	<u>437</u>
Total	12272

Respectfully submitted,
Homer L. Gamelin, Director
Veterans' Services

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1976

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics records be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that any corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1976

DATE	PARENTS
January	
14 Kopinto, Martha Marie	John J. & Teresa M.
20 Blake, Rachel Grace	Warren W. & Grace J.
February	
13 Hammerl, Tes Leandra	Ralph G. & Deborah G.
18 Copen, Joshua Bodhi	John R. & Patricia J.
March	
17 Rider, Peter Hendrik	Philip M. & Anneke H.J.
April	
11 Prondecki, Kate Ellen	Francis E. & Deborah J.
May	
6 Baker, Jennifer Barrett	Douglas A. & Patricia E.
19 Cutter, Angelica Marie	Peter R. & Virginia E.
22 Raymond, Bridget Alison	George T. & Brenda B.
June	
4 Knapp, Amanda Rose	Donald E. & Melody R.
24 Rivard, Catiya Zipporah Thackery	Harvey L. & Joanne T.
July	
2 Shaw, Jeffrey Douglas	Robert L. & Laurie J.
7 Dresser, John Frederick	James E. & Dorothy E.
23 Polhemus, Benjamin James	James L. & Darlene E.
29 Knapp, Carrie Lynn	Arthur E. & Virginia A.
October	
8 Avery, Kevin David	Lee W. & Patricia L.
12 Sweeney, Theodore Raymond, Jr.	Theodore R. & Elizabeth A.
21 Williams, Kerry Ann	Gregory H. & Audrey C.
22 Sytnik, Melinda Ann	Chester M. & Loretta N.
25 LaCount, Amber Michelle	Gary A. & Cindra K.
29 Duby, Heather Lee	Joseph C. & Delia A.
November	
3 Black, Eric Alan	Lester A. & Sharon L.
5 Marcy, William Baker, Jr.	William B. & Judyann
19 Gallant, Rebecca Jayne	Michael D. & Paula J.
27 Powers, Shannon Marie	Timothy E. & June M.

December

20 Call, Byron Leonard
 22 Quinn, Alasdair Campbell
 31 Phelps, Heath Richard

Donald S. & Helen D.
 David M. & Jennifer C.
 Norman B. & Sharon L.

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1976

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1976			Age	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>Mos.</u>	<u>Days</u>
January				
4	Glazier, Rena Tyler	59	5	0
14	Waryasz, John Joseph	51	7	7
14	Nims, Mildred (Willey)	84	0	24
14	Frankow, Anna (Rewa)	87	9	10
19	Briggs, Ona	85	4	13
26	Holloway, Alice M.	77	8	14
28	Saczawa, Lawrence	89	5	21
February				
1	Merrifield, Morris S.	59	1	15
15	Blackmer, Mildred Vorce	76	7	27
March				
15	Morgan, Edmund Miles	47	4	28
April				
10	Pratt, Helen Ruth (Sprague)	81	8	19
May				
22	Stoneback, Marian (Shelly)	79	4	29
27	Finch, Donald Brown	76	9	26
June				
13	Plotczyk, Andrew	89	5	29
August				
24	Boudreau, Infant Male	Stillborn		
September				
2	Weston, Donald P.	84	6	22
November				
3	Raymond, Mary (Simser)	72	10	3
8	Higgins, Mary (Parker)	92	5	18
December				
1	Fabisak, Jennie Thelma	61	2	8
8	Callaghan, Flora (Dunnell)	93	8	6

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1976

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name & Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
January		
23	Dearborn, David Edward, Bernardston, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
	Grigsby, Heather Marie (Remillard), Northfield, Mass.	
February		
14	Parry, Edwin Casemier, Erving, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Svetaka, Helen Antonette (Lapinski), Northfield, Mass.	
14	Newton, Mark Edward, Bernardston, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Whitney, Linda Susan, Northfield, Mass.	

March

- ✓ 20 Foley, Francis Joseph, Greenfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.
- ✓ Bolton, Jessie Ann (Skinner), Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 20 Clough, William Gary, Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.
- ✓ Lacroix, Sharon Lee, Greenfield, Mass.
- ✓ 27 Richardson, Timothy Edward, Colrain, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ Bazzani, Sandra Lee, Northfield, Mass.

May

- ✓ 13 Parker, Bruce James, Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ Berthiaume, Linda Lee, Bernardston, Mass.
- ✓ 15 Stevens, James Wayne, Brattleboro, Vermont Guilford, Vt.
- ✓ Welsh, Annette, Delpeuch, Northfield, Mass.

June

- ✓ 5 Williams, Karl Steven, North Brookfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ Miner, Cheryl Louise, Barre, Mass.
- ✓ 5 Smith, Douglas Andrew, Keene, N.H. Hancock, Mass.
- ✓ Nilsen, Linda Alice, Deer Park, New York
- ✓ 11 Horton, Earle Royal, Northfield, Mass. Gill, Mass.
- ✓ Iger, Maxine Rose, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 23 Rice, Brian Ralph, Northfield, Mass. Montague, Mass.
- ✓ Waryasz, Karen Ann, Gill, Mass.

July

- ✓ 2 Hungerford, John Robert, Northfield, Mass. Gill, Mass.
- ✓ Werkhoven, Debra Lynn, Greenfield, Mass.
- ✓ 3 Garland, Christopher David, Townsend, Vt. Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ Smith, Susan (Holloway), Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 9 Tiernan, Robert David, Springfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ Farris, Evelyn Mae (Cassey), Springfield, Mass.
- ✓ 10 Smith, Robert Arlington, Jr., Greenfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ Wood, Diane Carol, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 10 Weller, Larry Lee, Miami, Florida Bernardston, Mass.
- ✓ Merrill, Lee Ann, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 10 Powell, Winston Taylor, Northfield, Mass. Gill, Mass.
- ✓ Edson, Barbara Ann, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 16 Quinn, David Michael, Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ Post, Jennifer Campbell, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 17 Quimby, Frank Wesley, Bethel, Vermont Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ Russell, Alice (Paul), Windsor, Vermont
- ✓ 17 Worden, Ralph Garfield, Northfield, Mass. Petersham, Mass.
- ✓ Hoskin, Carolyn Ann, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 24 Kimball, Jeffrey, Charles, Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.
- ✓ Card, Anita Jeanette, Greenfield, Mass.
- ✓ 23 Streeter, Ronald Ernest, Leyden, Mass. Leyden, Mass.
- ✓ Gaines, Diane Marie (LaBelle), Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 24 Davis, Daniel Knowlton, Bernardston, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ Whitney, Patricia Jane, Northfield, Mass.

- 25 Finnell, Wayne T., Northfield, Mass. Brattleboro, Vt.
Bristol, Sharon Lee (St. Germain), Northfield, Mass.
- 30 Hebert, Timothy George, W. Chesterfield, N.H. Northfield, Mass.
Morgan, Kathleen Louise, Northfield, Mass.

August

- 1 Babbitt, Elwood Donald, Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Hack, Margaret Quinby, Northfield, Mass.
- 2 Ladd, Donald Tarpey, Easthampton, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Kimball, Karoline Louise, Belchertown, Mass.
- 5 Wilson, Richard Erel, Gill, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Grant, Joan Marie (Lamoureux), Gill, Mass.
- 7 Slocum, David Fisher, Nashua, N.H. Gill, Mass.
Boliski, Helen, Northfield, Mass.
- 9 Boyden, Raymond H., Conway, Mass. Conway, Mass.
Mello, Judith A. (Rice), Northfield, Mass.
- 14 Mecheski, Michael Louies, Hinsdale, N.H. Northfield, Mass.
Barfitt, Deborah Louise, Northfield, Mass.
- 21 Godfrey, Peter Michael, Leverett, Mass. Leverett, Mass.
Shearer, Ruth Lynne, Northfield, Mass.
- 28 Gibbons, Donald Lewis, Chester, N.H. Northfield, Mass.
Bachinski, Marta Mary, Northfield, Mass.

October

- 2 Parker, Gary Dennis, Greenfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Stevens, Susan Elaine, Greenfield, Mass.
- 9 Fellows, Arthur Milton, Warwick, Mass. Warwick, Mass.
Call, Deborah Ann, Northfield, Mass.
- 23 Johnson, Charles William, Northfield, Mass. Orange, Mass.
Sanderson, Lyn Althea, Orange, Mass.
- 30 Fitzpatrick, Mark Timothy, Lyndon, Vt. Northfield, Mass.
Koonz, Karen Louise, Lyndon, Vt.

November

- 20 Pitaniello, Donald James, Jr., Rutland, Vt. Northfield, Mass.
White, Ginger May, Hawley, Mass.
- 19 Callahan, John C., Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Aldrich, Michelle Rose, Bernardston, Mass.

December

- 10 Belanger, Edward Omer, Northfield, Mass. No. Amherst, Mass.
Wittmere, Kathleen Nina, Amherst, Mass.
- 20 Ignacio, Ramone, Northfield, Mass. Montague, Mass.
Odess, Jacqueline, Northfield, Mass.
- 28 LaPointe, Henry Lewis, Montague, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Robertson, Janice Marie (Clough), Erving, Mass.
- 28 Sirmans, James R., Jr., Coral Springs, Fla. Gill, Mass.
Chula, Deborah Ann, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JANUARY 19, 1976

Approximately 90 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Corys M. Heselton, Moderator, called the meeting to order and Rev. Chester Seamans gave the invocation.

Article 1. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$300.00 for the purpose of purchasing a desk, filing cabinet, and other necessary equipment and/or supplies for the office of the Building Inspector of the Town.

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of providing electrical wiring and service to the Town Garage, including but not limited to providing 100 ampere electrical service, lighting outlets, switches and other necessary appurtenances, not including however, any back-filling or labor for underground installation of said wiring.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds, the sum of \$285.48 for the following accounts payable, incurred by the Highway Department of the Town during Fiscal Year 1975, and which were unable to be paid during said fiscal year because of an insufficiency of an appropriation, all in accord with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 64 of the General Laws.

Pioneer Petroleum Products, Inc.:	Invoice 5/27/75	\$139.68
	Invoice 6/10/75	145.80
		<u>\$285.48</u>

Article 4. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available unappropriated funds, the sum of \$220.00 for the repair of the Town Clock located on the Unitarian Church steeple within the Town, including, but not limited to the replacing of the arm of said clock.

Article 5. DEFEATED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$25,000.00 to purchase a new back hoe for the Highway Department of the Town.

Article 6. VOTED: Yes - 68, No - 9, That the Town appropriate the sum of \$414,500.00 for the construction of a sanitary sewer or sewers, including a system of interceptors where required in the area of East Street within the Town, and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be and she is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow and/or issue bonds or notes of the town for a sum not to exceed \$414,500.00 for a term not to exceed thirty (30) years in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws as most recently amended, provided that the total amount of authorized borrowing shall be reduced by any amounts of Federal and State grants available to the Town for this project, and further to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners, acting for and on behalf of the Town, to apply for, contract for, accept and expend any such aid which may be available with respect to the above described project, and further to authorize said Commissioners to take any and all action necessary for the purpose of carrying out this project.

Article 7. VOTED: That the Town amend the vote passed under Article 7 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 2, 1974, by adding at the end therefor, the following:

And to further transfer an additional sum of \$19,226.00 from avail-

able, unappropriated funds, which will provide a total amount of \$39,326.00 to be used as the state and county share of Chapter 90 Construction (Chapter 765) project, said sum of \$39,326.00 to be restored to the treasury of the Town upon reimbursement.

Article 8. PASSED OVER: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purchase or rental of bunting for Town Buildings during the 1976 Bicentennial celebration.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

March 2, 1976

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, and at 10:00 in the forenoon the polls were declared open. They were closed at 8:00 p.m., it was determined that 480 votes were cast; (290 Republican and 190 Democratic) with the following results:

Republican Party

Presidential Preference

Ronald W. Reagan	76
Gerald R. Ford	195
No Preference	7
Udall	1
McCormick	1
Wallace	4
Brooke	1
Blanks	5

State Committeeman - Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden Senatorial District

Jonathon Healy	1
Blanks	239

State Committeewoman - Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden Senatorial District

Frances King	183
Blanks	107

Town Committee (35)

Carolyn B. Parenteau	240
William G. Roberts	237
Virginia E. Leach	230
Francis B. Reed	233
Helen B. Gorzocoski	233
William S. Messer	240
Ethel D. Fowler	220
Horace F. Field	252
Corys M. Heselton	243
Elizabeth C. Newton	230
Edward M. Powell, Jr.	232
Alan W. Rogers	231

Raymond A. Tillson	214
Dwight P. Stearns	242
Natalie L. Tunison	215
Stanley Wickey	226
Grace T. Young	222
Clesson M. Field, Jr.	218
Roger M. Greenwood	224
Frederick J. Billiel	225
Donald C. Henderson, Jr.	222
Walter F. Asseng	211
Richard H. Bassett	230
John F. Jurkowski	234
John F. Ladd	214
Phyllis J. Derigon	214
Warren E. Whitney	244
Robert B. Shearer	234
Arthur E. Knapp, Jr.	211
Richard G. Parsons	237
Ruth D. Johnson	228
Joseph J. DeMaria	215
Eugene E. Closson	220
Loreli M. Stearns	222
Frank R. Foster, III	227
Blanks	2180

Democratic Party

Presidential Preference	
Robert L. Kelleher	0
George C. Wallace	13
Ellen McCormack	2
Terry Sanford	0
Lloyd Bentsen	0
Fred R. Harris	36
Milton J. Shapp	5
Birch Bayh	9
Jimmy Carter	32
R. Sargent Shriver	4
Henry M. Jackson	29
Morris K. Udall	57
No Preference	0
E. Kennedy	1
Humphrey	1
Blanks	1
State Committeeman - Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden Senatorial District	
Phillip L. Sullivan	124
Blanks	66
State Committeewoman - Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden Senatorial District	
Helen E. Doyle	132
Blanks	58
Town Committee (10)	
John A. Hogan	143
Anne M. Gates	130
Fernand A. Caron	128
Margaret L. Zabko	142
Russell H. Edes	127

Joseph Medeiros	119
David J. Mroczek	131
Edwin H. LaMontagne, Jr.	118
Edward I. Metcalf	134
Sara Jane Moss	130
Blanks	598

After the reading of the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 30, 1976

Approximately 50 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Corys M. Heselton, Moderator, called the meeting to order, and the following two articles were PASSED OVER:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available, unappropriated funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for general highway purposes, including but not limited to maintenance, snow removal, winter roads, wages and salaries for the Highway Department of the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$25,000.00

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available, unappropriated funds, or from the Overlay Reserve Fund, a sum or sums of money for the Reserve Fund Account, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 3 and 4, 1976

The polls were opened at ten A.M. and closed at eight P.M. and it was determined that 866 votes had been cast with the following results:

Town Clerk, one year	
Horace F. Field	812
Blanks	54
Moderator, three years	
George M. Leonard	529
Michael J. Whiteman	314
Blanks	23
Selectman, three years	
Edward I. Metcalf	431
Alan W. Rogers	424
Blanks	11
Assessor, three years	
William G. Roberts	780
Blanks	86

Treasurer, three years	
Arline F. Holloway	356
Grace T. Young	459
Blanks	51
School Committee, three years	
Andre C. Batten	325
Chadwick T. Glover	508
Mary E. Llewelyn	633
Blanks	266
School Committee, two years	
Walter F. Asseng	572
Carolyn J. Hulslander	248
Blanks	46
PVRS School Committee, three years	
D. Michael Bazar	367
Warren W. Blake	466
Blanks	33
Library Trustees, three years	
Desmond S. Chambers	423
Richard A. Giles	451
Barbara J. Richardson	355
Virginia G. Schoepf	333
Blanks	170
Library Trustee, one year	
Beryle Hammond	411
Susan P. Roszkowski	428
Blanks	27
Cemetery Commissioner, three years	
Roger E. Bassett	794
Blanks	72
Tree Warden, three years	
Richard H. Bassett	791
Blanks	75
Planning Board, five years	
Richard G. Parsons	745
Blanks	121
Planning Board, four years	
John A. Hogan	447
Helen S. Monroe	383
Blanks	36
Planning Board, two years	
Arthur E. Knapp, Jr.	528
Edwin H. LaMontagne, Jr.	299
Blanks	39
Board of Health, three years	
John F. Jurkowski	769
Blanks	97
Sewer Commissioner, three years	
Allen M. Sibley	425
David H. Stone	419
Blanks	22

Recreation Commissioner, three years	
James T. Jurek	343
Samuel A. Richardson	462
Edith G. Waaser	429
Rhoda S. Yucavitch	353
Blanks	145
Recreation Commissioner, one year	
Reynold N. Henry	407
Joanne F. Spencer	429
Blanks	30

After reading the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 4, 1976

Approximately 180 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 7:00 p.m. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. George M. Leonard, Moderator, and Rev. Chester Seamans gave the invocation. The colors were presented by members of the VFW; Gordon Leavis, Edward Doolittle, Robert Huber, and Sandy Edson.

The reading of the Warrant was waived, and the following articles were acted upon:

Article 1. VOTED: That the Town hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees.

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of revenue for the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, in accord with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, in accord with said General Laws Chapter 44, Section 17, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of said fiscal year.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to employ legal counsel for general purposes, and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or other legal action brought against the Town, all in accord with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A.

Article 4. VOTED: That the Town under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100E of the General Laws, as amended, indemnify the Selectmen and any other municipal officers designated by said Board of Selectmen for expense or damages incurred by such an official or officer in the defense or settlement of a claim against him, provided such claim arose when such official or officer was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and further provided that the defense or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the Town Counsel, or by an attorney legally employed for the purpose by the Town, or by

an attorney furnished by an insurer obligated under such terms of a policy of insurance to defend the Town against such claim.

Article 5. VOTED: That the Moderator read the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee to be raised and appropriated under the Article, and unless objection is made, each item recommended in the report of the Finance Committee shall be tentatively accepted as appropriated for the purpose stated. If objection is made to any recommendation, such appropriation shall be taken up separately and the amount thereof and the manner of making the same shall be determined by vote of the meeting and tentatively accepted, and after all appropriations have been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount so accepted as a single appropriation, not to be exceeded.

APPROPRIATIONS

	<u>FY 1977</u>
Moderator, Salary & Expense	\$ 94.00
Selectmen	2750.00
Chairman	\$950.00
Other Members	900.00
Expense	2000.00
Secretary	1667.00
Accountant	2300.00
Expense	175.00
Legal Expense	4500.00
Treasurer	2300.00
Expense	1100.00
Tax Collector	2170.00
Expense	1900.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	350.00
Protection of Tax Title Property	25.00
Assessors	2438.00
Chairman	\$848.00
Others	795.00
Expense	1600.00
Town Clerk	1300.00
Expense	200.00
Election & Registration	3000.00
Planning Board Expense	700.00
Board of Appeals Expense	200.00
Nurse & Substitute	8990.00
Nurse's Expense	500.00
Homemaker/Home Health Aide Services	500.00
Clerk	3335.00
Car Expense	700.00
Inspection of Animals	477.00
Sewer Commissioner's Salary	588.00
Each Commissioner	\$196.00
Sewer Commission Expense	75.00
Operation & Maintenance of Sewers	24350.00
Highway Supt. Expense	500.00
Highway Tools	1000.00
Highway Sick Leave, Vacations, Holidays	6292.00
Sidewalks	2000.00
Street Lights	28350.00

Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	50.00
Soldier's Relief	4500.00
Elementary School Committee Salaries	795.00
Finance Committee Expenses	160.00
Town Hall	9000.00
Policy Chief Salary	13250.00
Special Police Salaries	6000.00
Police Dept. Operating Exp. & Equip.	7750.00
Police Dept. Secretary	1667.00
Conservation Commission Expense	650.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	620.00
Fire Chief	\$355.00
Forest Fire Warden	159.00
Secretary	106.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expense	7500.00
Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment	2000.00
Hydrants	500.00
Water Holes	500.00
Maintenance of Fire Station & Garage	3000.00
Public Safety	75.00
Wire Inspector	100.00
Tree Trimming & Planting	2400.00
Dutch Elm Control	2000.00
Insect & Pest Control	413.06
Dog Officer & Expense	350.00
Board of Health	588.00
Each Member	\$196.00
Health	2000.00
Dump Control	9500.00
Elementary Schools	343380.00
PVRS Capital	21700.58
PVRS Operating	380461.56
Franklin County Technical School Dist. Capital	20726.92
Franklin County Technical School Dist. Operating	63451.28
Town Reports	1500.00
Memorial & Veterans Day	475.00
Alexander Hall	400.00
Insurance	23000.00
Chapter 32B	16500.00
Town Clock	150.00
Land Damage	100.00
Historical Society Building	200.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	500.00
Recreation Commission Program	6860.00
Cemeteries	5000.00
Slate House	500.00
Interest	100.00
Historical Commission	175.00
Building Commissioner	4000.00
Expense	450.00
Dickinson Memorial Library	19576.00
Field Library	250.00

(Article 5. Motion 2.) VOTED: That all the salaries of each elected official for the Fiscal Year 1977 be fixed at the amount hereafter appropriated therefor.

(Article 5. Motion 3.) VOTED: That all appropriations having been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount accepted as a single appropriation not to be exceeded.

The following resolution was read by Mrs. Parenteau:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

WHEREAS certain persons have during the past year concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names, nature and length of such service by the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of May 1976 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Corys M. Heselton - Moderator - 9 years
Frederick J. Billiel - Selectman - 2½ years
Alan W. Rogers - Selectman - 8 months
Noelle T. Anson - Treasurer - 2 years
Wallace E. Stange - School Committee - 9 years
Guy H. Cote - Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee - 6 years
Luman A. Barber - Library Trustee - 28 years
Evelyn H. Parker - Library Trustee - 9 years
John Carson - Planning Board - 5 years
Evelyn H. Becker - Planning Board - 4 years
Norman F. Fowler - Planning Board - 5 years
Wallace F. Reddy, Jr. - Finance Committee - 3 years
Clesson M. Field, Jr. - Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden - 5 years
Eugene L. Miller - Special Police Officer - 5 years
Loreli M. Stearns - Special Police Officer - 2 years
Gladys C. Bistrek - Conservation Commission - 3 years
Stanley T. Wickey - Conservation Commission - 3 years
Harold A. Newton - Board of Appeals - 5 years
Raymond C. Waterman - Board of Appeals - 1 year
Antonio P. Tosi - Building Commissioner - 1½ years
Ray K. Thompson - Bicentennial Commission - 4 months
Virginia G. Schoepf - Bicentennial Commission - 4 months
Russell H. Edes - Bicentennial Commission - 1 year
Martin Livingstone - Recreation Commission - 1 year
Sally F. Lindgren - Recreation Commission - 2 years
Jonathan L. Fowler - Historical Commission - 6 months
Winfred J. Greene - Conservation Commission (deceased) - 1 year

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 6. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$11,500.00 for a Reserve Fund as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25 of the General Laws, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from available, unappropriated funds, and further transfer

the sum of \$7,500.00 from the Overlay Reserve Fund.

Article 7. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of adding to the Stabilization Fund of the Town established under Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and for this purpose, to transfer said sum of \$10,000.00 from available, unappropriated funds.

Article 8. DEFEATED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for establishing a Town Self-Insurance Fund for the purpose of insuring Town Buildings, and further, accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 13 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Article 9. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of and to the Board of Assessors, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws, and/or to employ a Clerk, and for this purpose, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 for the salary of such employee.

Article 10. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Assessors to print the Town Tax Valuation Book in F.Y. '77, and for this purpose, raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to cover the cost of the same.

Article 11. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the purpose of microfilming the existing Assessor's evaluation records.

Article 12. AMENDED & VOTED: That the Town transfer from Overlay Reserve the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of continuing the reassessing of the Town's taxable properties in accord with an order of the Massachusetts Department of Corporations and Taxation.

Article 13. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$388.40 provided by the County "Dog Fund" to the Dickinson Memorial Library, all in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 140, Section 172 of the General Laws.

Article 14. VOTED: That the Town accept the sum of \$986.63 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing state aid for free public libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760, Acts of 1960, as amended, and appropriated said sum for use of Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 15. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the addition of toilet facilities, heating and electrical work in the Children's Room at the Dickinson Memorial Library, and for the addition of an Audio-Visual Center to said Library.

Article 16. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of at least five (5) residents of the Town for the purpose of formulating a workable plan to obtain, catalogue, index and preserve by microfilming, or other appropriate process, any ancient historical and/or valuable records of the Town, and to further transfer any unexpended appropriations previously voted, and to further rescind any previous votes that may be inconsistent with the within vote.

Article 17. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$1200.00 for the continuation of indexing and microfilming the Town's historical records or memorabilia of the

Town's history and development, said money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 18. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$1,000.00 for reshingling the south side of the roof of the Northfield Historical Society Building.

Article 19. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to purchase fish to be liberated into the streams of the Town of Northfield, under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 20. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,431.00 for the purpose of contracting with the Community Awareness Council, Inc. for the Town's share in furthering said Council's programs in health, education, recreation and communications.

Article 21. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,431.00 for the purpose of providing mental health and retardation services for citizens of the Town, and that said sum be transferred to the Franklin-Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund under the direction and approval of the School Committee and/or the Board of Health, or whomever else may be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 22. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with David Quinn of Northfield, or his nominee, to provide ambulance service to the residents of the Town, said contract to be for a term not to exceed one (1) year, and said contract to contain terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectmen, and for this purpose, raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00.

Article 23. VOTED: That the Town accept from the Northfield Mount Hermon School the sum of \$2,000.00, said sum to be applied to reduce the Town's expenditure for ambulance service for F.Y. '77.

Article 24. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the Franklin County Senior Services Project, Inc., a non-profit organization, said amount to be used as Northfield's share of the cost of operating the Senior Citizen's Hot Lunch Program within the Town of Northfield.

At this time, motion was made and voted to consider Article 54.

Article 54. AMENDED & DEFEATED: That the Town establish a study committee to examine questions regarding the movement or transport of radioactive wastes, new and spent (used) nuclear fuel, to and from a nuclear power plant, within the Town of Northfield.

Article 25. VOTED: That the Town hear the report of the Committee appointed to study the Cemetery needs of the Town. (Committee was thanked and asked to continue their efforts.)

Article 26. VOTED UNAN: That the Town amend its Zoning By-Law designated as Section 5(f), entitled: "Moratorium By-Law" by deleting the same in its entirety, and substituting therefor the following:

"5(f). No multiple family dwelling or dwellings within the Town of Northfield, which for this Section shall mean a structure with more than one (1) family residing therein, shall be hereafter erected or constructed for a period not to exceed one (1) year from the date of passage of this Zoning By-Law Amendment. As the Town of Northfield is now completing the Master Plan for the Town and said plan has not yet been reviewed nor accepted, and as changes made in General Laws Chapter 40A by Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975

have not been accepted by the Town, and as it is desirable to protect the Town pending any definitive action on these matters, a moratorium on the issuance of building permits for construction of dwelling units in excess of one (1) family shall be in effect for said period of time. This By-Law does not apply to otherwise acceptable changes within the walls of presently existing buildings. Nothing herein shall affect the operation or effectiveness of any provision of General Laws Chapter 40A as it now exists or as it may be amended."

Article 27. VOTED: Yes - 108, No - 36, That the Town amend its Zoning By-Law designated as Section 5(a) by deleting the same in its entirety, and substituting therefor, the following:

"Section 5(a)

Within this Section the term "Soils Map" shall mean the map on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Soils Limitation for Septic Tank Sewage Disposal" prepared for the Town of Northfield by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service; and the term "area of proposed usage" shall mean the location of an in-ground sewage system, the area of such location to be not less than three times the area required for the initial installation of that system.

Classification of lots shall be determined as follows:

Class A Lot

A Class A Lot is a lot connected to the municipal sewer system, and shall have a minimum area of 35,000 square feet, with frontage on a public way of 150 feet or more, and a depth of 200 feet or more.

Class B Lot

A Class B Lot is a lot not connected to the municipal sewer system, and which has none of the following four qualities in the area of proposed usage: (1) Slope of 20 per cent or more; (2) Bedrock, hardpan or other impermeable or poorly permeable layer within 6 feet of finished grade; (3) Seasonal surface water present during the year for a period of 20 days or more at, or within 100 feet of, an area of proposed usage; or (4) Ground water within 6 feet of finished grade at any time during the year. A Class B Lot shall have a minimum area of 50,000 square feet, with frontage on a public way of 150 feet or more, and a depth of 200 feet or more. The Soils Map designations of "Slight Limitation" and "Moderate Limitation" may be used for reference location of Class B Lots.

Class C Lot

A Class C Lot is a lot not connected to the municipal sewer system, and which has in the area of proposed usage one or more of the four qualities listed in the definition of a Class B Lot. An in-ground sewage system shall not be permitted in a Class C Lot. The Soils Map designation of "Severe Limitation" may be used for reference location of Class C Lots.

The classification of any lot may be changed by: (a) the Planning Board, if it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Planning Board that the classification of the lot in question is in error; or (b) The Board of Appeals, if the Board of Appeals approves an

engineering solution to a lot quality, the nature of which would otherwise prohibit such change."

Article 28. VOTED: That the Town accept and expend any and all funds available under the provisions of Chapter 765 of the Acts of 1972, an Act providing funds for Chapter 90-type construction projects, and further voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$36,626.00 for Chapter 90-type construction, in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth, said funds, when received, to be put into the General Treasury of the Town.

Article 29. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000.00 for the purpose of snow removal within the Town.

Article 30. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 for machinery maintenance.

Article 31. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for general highway maintenance within the Town, subject to reimbursement of Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

Article 32. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$2500.00 from the Machinery Earnings Account of the Town, to the Machinery Maintenance Account of the Town, for purposes specified in, but not limited to, those contained in Article 30 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for F.Y. '77.

Article 33. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 to be used in addition to and in conjunction with a sum voted at Special Town Meeting of August 4, 1975, for reconstructing the surface of Gulf Road.

Article 34. WITHDRAWN & PASSED OVER: That the Town transfer the sum of \$35,875.02 received by the Town under the provisions of Chapter 825, Section 3, to the General Highway Account, said sum to be used for general highway purposes including, but not limited to highways, streets, and the repair of bridges throughout the town.

At this time motion was made and voted to consider Article 72.

Article 72. PASSED OVER: That the Town designate the following roads as Scenic Roads, in accord with Chapter 40, Section 15(c) of the General Laws:

1. Four Mile Brook Road;
2. That section of Old Wendell Road running from the intersection of Lyman Road to the intersection of South Mountain Road;
3. Pine Meadow Road from the Tailrace Canal to the Erving Town Line.

Article 35. PASSED OVER: Yes 67, No 55, That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for necessary major repairs to Four Mile Brook Road within the Town.

Article 36. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for the continued construction of Pentecost Road within the Town.

Article 37. AMENDED & VOTED: That the Town transfer from Overlay Reserve the sum of \$10,000.00 for the cost of preliminary engineering or other services required to evaluate and rate bridges throughout the town.

Article 38. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$17,500.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purpose of purchasing a new dump truck and related equipment for the use of the Highway Department of the Town.

Article 39. DEFEATED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$9,000.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of a new 3/4-ton pickup, or medium weight 4-wheel drive truck, with plow and related equipment for the use of the Highway Department of the Town, and to further vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in, or dispose of the present pickup truck used by said Department.

Article 40. DEFEATED: Yes - 41, No - 62, That the Town transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account to obtain a Radio System to be installed in the Highway Department Garage and vehicles, and to further authorize the Selectmen to trade in, or dispose of, the present CB system used by the Highway Department for communication purposes.

Article 41. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$5,700.00 for the purchase of a new Sander Body, for use of the Highway Department of the Town.

Article 42. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of an Air Compressor to be used by the Highway and Fire Departments of the Town.

Article 43. DEFEATED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$11,500.00 for the purchase of a tractor and/or related equipment, for snow removal on sidewalks, and for other related highway maintenance uses.

Article 44. PASSED OVER: That the Town adopt the following By-Law:

"Abutting owners to the Town's sidewalks will be required to clear the same of any snow or ice accumulation within twenty-four (24) hours after any precipitation of ice or snow. For each day of violation a fine of ten (\$10.00) dollars will be assessed."

Article 45. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$436.00 for providing additional and/or improved street lighting along Hinsdale Road within the Town, all in accord with a plan on file with the Board of Selectmen.

Article 46. VOTED: Yes - 90, No - 5, That the Town appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of an evaluation survey as part of a continuing program to correct and remedy the infiltration inflow into the sewerage system of the Town, in accord with a plan on file with the Board of Sewer Commissioners, and for this purpose, transfer the sum of \$19,000.00 from available, unappropriated funds, and further, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and she is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow a sum not to exceed \$31,000.00 for a term not to exceed thirty (30) years in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 44, Section 7, of the General Laws as most recently amended, provided that the total amount of authorized borrowing shall be reduced by any amounts of Federal and State grants available to the Town for this project, and further to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners, acting for and on behalf of the Town, to apply for, contract for, accept and expend any such aid which may be available with respect to the above described project, and further to authorize said Commissioners to take any and all action necessary for the purpose of carrying out this project.

Article 47. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of providing a survey, preliminary plans, and cost estimate of a surface water drainage system where required in the area of East Street within the Town.

Article 48. DEFEATED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$3,000.00 to supplement the fund for surveying the boundaries of certain Town ways.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m., to be reconvened on Thursday, May 6, 1976 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field

Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - RECONVENED - MAY 6, 1976.

Approximately 80 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 7:00 p.m. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. George M. Leonard, Moderator, and the following remaining articles were acted upon:

At this time, motion was made and voted to bring forward Article 65.

Article 65. VOTED: That the Town accept the proposal of the Franklin County Technical School District Committee passed on January 21, 1976 to amend the Agreement Establishing the Franklin County Technical School District by adding Section XV for the admittance of the Town of Whately as a member of said District, and accepting its proportionate share as estimated by the Committee through June 30, 1976 and further accepting its share of capital and operating costs beginning on July 1, 1976. Copies of the revised Agreement with the proposed Amendment are available at the office of the Town Clerk.

Motion made and voted to advance to Article 63.

Article 63. AMENDED & VOTED: That the Town rescind a vote taken at a Special Town Meeting held on August 4, 1975 wherein \$450.00 was voted to relocate and restore the Bernardston Schoolhouse to the Pioneer Valley Regional School campus, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 for the same purpose, without the necessity of any state or federal matching funds.

Article 49. AMENDED & VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$1,100.00 for the purchase of a new radar unit for the Police Department of the Town, and to further authorize the Selectmen to trade in, or dispose of the present radar unit.

Article 50. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$4,500.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser, and to further authorize the Selectmen to trade in, or dispose of the present cruiser being used.

Article 51. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$2,400.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for repairing or replacing the shingles on the roof of the Northfield Fire Station.

Article 52. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$900.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for painting the outside of the Northfield Fire Station.

Article 53. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for aerial spraying of wetland areas to dispose of larvae and adult mosquitoes.

Article 55. PASSED OVER: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to sell at private or public sale the parcel of real estate, bounded and described as printed under Article 55 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant dated May 4, 1976, for an amount not less than \$1000.00, it having been determined by said Board that said parcel is no longer required for public purposes, all in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 40, Section 14 of the General Laws.

Article 56. VOTED: Yes - 61, No - 5, That the Town accept as a gift, under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53A of the General Laws, from William A. Sandri, President and Treasurer of Dunnell Fuels, Inc., a certain parcel of land, bounded and described as printed under Article 56 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of the Town of Northfield dated May 4, 1976.

Article 57. VOTED: That the Town accept as a gift, under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53A of the General Laws, from William A. Sandri, President and Treasurer of Dunnell Fuels, Inc., a certain parcel of land, bounded and described as printed under Article 57 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of the Town of Northfield dated May 4, 1976.

Article 58. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the repair of the front steps of Town Hall, and replacement of the front window sill on the north side of said Town Hall.

Article 59. AMENDED & VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$325.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the installation of floor covering in the kitchen in the basement of the Town Hall.

Article 60. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$1,200.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the rewiring and installation of fluorescent lights in the dining room of the Town Hall.

Article 61. AMENDED & VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$1,626.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the installation of acoustical tiling on the ceiling of the dining room of Town Hall.

Article 62. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of at least three (3) members to investigate the possibility of future uses for Slate House, so-called.

Article 64. DEFEATED: That the Town petition the Legislature to authorize the voters of the Town to elect by ballot, at its next annual election, a Finance Committee to consist of five (5) members, and to further fix the terms of office of such members in such a manner that all such terms will not expire at the same time.

Article 66. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to remise and release to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through its Department of Public Works, whose Post Office address is 100 Nashua Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02114, hereinafter referred to as the "Department", all right, title, claim and demand whatsoever as said Town has, or ought to have in and to a certain Vehicular Bridge being Bridge No. N-22-3 and being identified as Railroad

Bridge No. 46.62, said bridge being a continuation and extension of a public way known as Bennett Brook Road, within the Town of Northfield, providing vehicular passage for the public over the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad, and to a certain Vehicular Bridge being Bridge No. N-22-14, and being identified as Railroad Bridge No. 49.61, said bridge being a continuation and extension of a public way known as Northfield Road within the Town of Northfield, providing vehicular passage for the public over the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

Article 67. PASSED OVER: That the Town establish a Conservation Commission Fund, of which the Treasurer of the Town shall be custodian, monies in which fund may be expended by the said Conservation Commission for any purpose other than for taking of land by eminent domain, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 8C, Clause 51 of the General Laws, and for this purpose, raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00.

Article 68. VOTED: That the Town instruct the Assessors to use the sum of \$125,000.00 to reduce the tax levy for F.Y. '77, and for this purpose, transfer the sum of \$125,000.00 from available, unappropriated funds of the Town.

Article 69. VOTED: That the Town instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate whether or not the Town should employ a Town Manager or Executive Secretary to work under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, said committee to consist of one member each from the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, the Planning Board, and four other residents of the Town, said committee to complete its study by November 1, 1976 and present its findings and recommendations to Town Meeting next following, which Town Meeting shall be preceded by a public hearing called by the Committee not less than two weeks, nor more than six weeks prior to said Town Meeting, and for this purpose, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for expenses of said committee.

Article 70. VOTED: That the Town instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of a Capital Improvements Program for the Town, said committee to consist of one member each from the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Planning Board, and Board of Assessors, and three other residents of the Town, said committee to complete its study by November 1, 1976 and present its findings and recommendations to the Town Meeting next following that date, which Town Meeting shall be preceded by a public hearing called by the committee not less than two weeks, nor more than six weeks prior to said Town Meeting, and for this purpose, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for expenses of said committee.

Article 71. VOTED: That the Town accept any or all of the following sums of money, for any or all of the following purposes:

- (a) The sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for perpetual care of Francis S. Bemis lot in Center Cemetery, from Francis S. Bemis and John D. Stratton.
- (b) The sum of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for perpetual care of Lot #472 in Center Cemetery, from Harold B. Stratton.
- (d) The sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for perpetual care of Lot #184B in West Northfield Cemetery, from Maurice A. & Leona A. Barrett.
- (e) The sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for perpetual care of Lots #111, 112 and 23 3/4 in Northfield Farms Cemetery, from Bertha S. Hammond

- (f) The sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for perpetual care of Lots #485½ and 486 in Center Cemetery, from Mary Isabel Newton.
- (h) The sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for perpetual care of Lot #82 3/4 in Northfield Farms Cemetery, from the Estate of Gracie F. Slate
- (j) The sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for perpetual care of Lots #111, 112 and 23 3/4 in Northfield Farms Cemetery, from the Estate of Bertha S. Hammond.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
 Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY
 September 14, 1976

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, and at 10:00 in the forenoon the polls were declared open. They were closed at 8:00 p.m. It was determined that 267 votes were cast; (188 Republican and 79 Democratic) with the following results:

Republican Party

Senator in Congress	
Michael S. Robertson	161
Blanks	27
Congressman, First District	
Silvio O. Conte	175
Blanks	13
Councillor, Eighth District	
Blanks	188
Senator, Franklin, Hampshire & Hampden District	
Walter B. Mitchell	88
Louis J. Morini	89
Blanks	11
Representative in General Court, Third Franklin District	
Thomas G. Simons	175
Blanks	13
Clerk of Courts, Franklin County	
John R. Moseley	174
Blanks	14
Register of Deeds, Franklin District	
Walter T. Kostanski	173
Blanks	15
County Commissioner, Franklin County	
Norman F. Batchelder	103
Margaret H. Herlihy	123
Edmund F. Smith	93
Blanks	57

Democratic Party

Senator in Congress	
Edward M. Kennedy	71
Robert Emmet Dinsmore	5
Frederick C. Langone	1
Bernard P. Shannon	2
Blanks	0
Congressman, First District	
Edward A. McColgan	53
Edward M. O'Brien	24
Blanks	2
Councillor, Eighth District	
Theodore E. Dimauro	56
Blanks	23
Senator, Franklin, Hampshire & Hampden District	
John W. Olver	71
Blanks	8
Representative in General Court, Third Franklin District	
Blanks	79
Clerk of Courts, Franklin County	
Thomas W. Merrigan	67
Blanks	12
Register of Deeds, Franklin District	
Blanks	79
County Commissioner, Franklin County	
John F. Bassett	60
Richard E. Ouimette	47
Blanks	51

After the reading of the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY RECOUNT

A request was made for a recount of the ballots cast for the office of Congressman, First District. The recount was held at the Northfield Town Hall on September 29, 1976 with the following results:

Congressman, First District	
Edward A. McColgan	53
Edward M. O'Brien	24
Blanks	2

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION

November 2, 1976

At the place and time set forth, the Clerk read the Warrant and the polls were declared open at 10:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M. It was determined that 1363 ballots had been cast with the following results:

Electors of President and Vice President, United States	
Anderson and Shackelford	3
Camejo and Reid	2
Carter and Mondale	509
Ford and Dole	788
LaRouche, Jr. and Evans	2
McCarthy and Stouffer	38
Hall and Tyner	1
Blanks	20
Senator in Congress, United States	
Edward M. Kennedy	752
Michael S. Robertson	546
Carol Henderson Evans	15
H. Graham Lowry	10
Blanks	40
Congressman, First District	
Silvio O. Conte	967
Edward M. McColgan	359
Blanks	37
Councillor, Eighth District	
Theodore E. Dimauro	909
Anne M. Gates	2
Blanks	452
Senator in General Court, Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden Dist.	
John W. Olver	677
Walter B. Mitchell	604
Blanks	82
Representative in General Court, Third Franklin District	
Thomas C. Simons	1104
William R. Batty, III	2
Blanks	257
Clerk of Courts, Franklin County	
John R. Moseley	754
Thomas W. Merrigan	530
Blanks	79
Register of Deeds, Franklin District	
Walter T. Kostanski, Jr.	1123
Anne M. Gates	2
Blanks	238
County Commissioner, Franklin County	
John F. Bassett	481
Margaret H. Herlihy	645
Richard E. Ouimette	186
Edmund F. Smith	549
Randy Kehler	441
Blanks	424

Question No. 1. Equal Rights.	
Yes	874
No	408
Blanks	81
Question No. 2. Graduated Tax Rates	
Yes	559
No	713
Blanks	91
Question No. 3. Absentee Voting	
Yes	701
No	561
Blanks	101
Question No. 4. Mass. Power Authority	
Yes	160
No	1112
Blanks	91
Question No. 5. Gun Control	
Yes	281
No	1029
Blanks	53
Question No. 6. Bottle Bill	
Yes	620
No	699
Blanks	44
Question No. 7. Uniform Electric Rates	
Yes	225
No	1070
Blanks	68
Question No. 8. Oil Refinery	
Yes	796
No	460
Blanks	107
Question No. 9. Sunday Liquor Sales	
Yes	690
No	625
Blanks	48
Question No. 10. Pari-mutuel Betting	
Yes	667
No	607
Blanks	89

After the reading of the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 17, 1976

Approximately 200 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 8:00 p.m. The Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mr. George M. Leonard, Moderator, and Rev. Arthur J. Green gave the invocation.

The Clerk read the Warrant, and the following articles were acted upon:

Article 1. (Motion a) VOTED: That the Town authorize its Selectmen to submit an application for the construction, renovation, repair or other improvements of local public works projects under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-369) and to expend any monies received in accordance with said application.

Motion b) VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of providing architectural and engineering fees, including a cost estimate, and preliminary drawings, and other requirements for a proposed extended recreational area and sewer connection on the Elementary School grounds.

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of providing architectural and engineering fees, including a cost estimate, and preliminary drawings, and other requirements for the proposed construction, renovation and addition to the Northfield Elementary School.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of \$300.00 for the purpose of providing architectural and engineering fees, including a cost estimate, and preliminary drawings, and other requirements for the proposed construction of a Highway Department Garage.

Article 4. VOTED: That the Town hear the report of the Slate House Study Committee, and to discharge said Committee.

Report of the Slate House Committee:

October 19, 1976

It is the recommendation of the Slate House Study Committee, after considering points covered in the attached sheets, that the Selectmen enter an article in the warrant for the upcoming special town meeting in November, asking permission from the voters for them, the Selectmen, to sell the Slate House with a minimum bid either by auction or by sealed bids. Sewer and right-of-way conditions should be noted.

This minimum bid should be determined by the Selectmen with the fact in mind that the purchase price was \$8,000.00 and inflation has raised this figure.

If it is possible through Zoning Board of Appeals action to subdivide the lot at a line even with the north-south extremity of the west end of the Boy Scout House, it would leave the remaining land adjacent to the Town Hall parking lot for possible future town use.

The committee realizes that there may be individuals opposed to our thinking but an article in the warrant will give them an opportunity to approve or disapprove the ideas we have proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

The Slate House Study Committee

Alan W. Rogers

Jonathon E. Rothbart

Ray Thompson'

The Committee was thanked and discharged.

Article 5. AMENDED & VOTED: That the Town authorize its Board of Selectmen, within their discretion, to sell, at public or private sale, the Slate House, so-called, located at 67 Main Street within the Town.

Article 6. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of \$923.32 for the following accounts payable, incurred by departments of the Town during Fiscal Years 1975 and 1976, and which were unable to be paid during said Fiscal Years, all in accord with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 64 of the General Laws:

Registrars of Voters, for taking the 1975 State Census:	\$616.23
Bicentennial Commission, for expenses incurred with	
the Bicentennial Play, due the Estate of	
Donald Finch:	
	<u>307.09</u>
	\$923.32

Article 7. VOTED: Yes 44, No 21, That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of \$25,000.00 to the General Highway Account, said sum to be used for general highway purposes, including, but not limited to, highways, streets, and the repair of bridges throughout the Town.

Article 8. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of \$4,000.00 to supplement the account for Medicare and Welfare payments in connection with the Homemaker/Home Health Aide Services.

Article 9. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of \$3,000.00 to grant a salary increase for the Town Nurse and her substitute, all in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 44, Section 68 of the General Laws, provided however, that such salary increase will not be retroactive to a date earlier than July 1, 1976.

Article 10. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$4,200.00 for the purchase of a new car to be used by the Town Nurse, and further, to trade in or dispose of the present 1969 Chevrolet car.

Article 11. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$1,600.00 to supplement the account for the installation of accoustical tiling on the ceiling of the Town Hall dining room.

Article 12. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of \$1,700.00 to grant a salary increase for

the Town Accountant all in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 44, Section 68 of the General Laws, provided however, that such salary increase will not be retroactive to a date earlier than July 1, 1976.

Article 13. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of \$200.00 for storage equipment and supplies for cataloging and preserving all historical and valuable records of the Town.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1976

Male Dogs	89
Female	6
Female (Spayed)	79
Special Kennel (\$10.00)	11
Special Kennel (\$25.00)	1

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1976

Resident Fishing	87
Resident Hunting	61
Resident Sporting	92
Resident Minor Fishing	23
7-Day Non-Resident Fishing	1
Non-Resident Fishing	26
Resident Trapping (Minor)	0
Resident Trapping	0
Non-Resident Hunting (Big Game)	4
Archery Deer Stamp	6
Resident Sporting (Free)	24
Duplicate	3
Resident Citizen's Fishing (Free)	2
Resident Hunting (Free)	0
Resident Alien Fishing	0
Non-Resident Hunting (Small Game)	4
Water Fowl Stamp	16

OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED IN 1976

Innholder	1
Raffles-Bazaars	9
Gasoline and Fuel	4
Auctioneer Licences	9
1-Day Auctioneer's License	1

Respectfully submitted,
Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1976

The Town of Northfield has participated in the required exercises, attended Sector and Special Meetings, submitted the required reports, issued flood and storm warnings and has met the prerequisites for participation in Federally sponsored programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace F. Field
Civil Defense Director

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT 1976

Northfield Cemeteries have received their usual care and maintenance during 1976. Expenditures for same may be found in the report of the Town Accountant.

We wish to report the following receipts:

From William L. & M. E. Strange, for Lot #3A in West Northfield Cemetery.	\$ 50.00
From Gerald C. & Evelyn L. Hicks, for Lot #10 $\frac{1}{4}$ in West Northfield Cemetery.	\$ 45.00
From Robert J. & Bonnie J. Greene, Jr., for Lot #4A in West Northfield Cemetery.	\$ 50.00
From Thelma M. Merrifield, for Lot #9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in West Northfield Cemetery.	\$ 45.00
From Marjorie P. Musinski & Elizabeth P. White, for Perpetual Care of Lot #4 in Mt. Hermon Cemetery.	\$100.00
From Charles F. Lincoln, 13 Pray Drive, Greenfield, Mass., for Lot #83 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Northfield Farms Cemetery.	\$ 30.00
From Charles F. Lincoln, 13 Pray Drive, Greenfield, Mass., for Perpetual Care of Lot #83 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Northfield Farms Cemetery.	\$100.00
From Edward J. McKenna, 296 High St., Greenfield, Mass., for Lot #107 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Northfield Farms Cemetery.	\$ 50.00
From Edward J. McKenna, 296 High St., Greenfield, Mass., for Perpetual Care of Lot #107 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Northfield Farms Cemetery.	\$100.00

Respectfully submitted,

Roger E. Bassett
Richard H. Bassett
Horace F. Field

Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM STUDY COMMITTEE

By Town Meeting order of May 4, 1976, the Moderator appointed a committee to investigate the feasibility of a Capital Improvements Program. The Committee's first act, after organization, was to contact the Franklin County Planning Office for assistance in obtaining information from other communities in the Commonwealth who were involved in such a program.

Through the Planning Office we obtained a manual, "Guidelines for Municipal Capital Programming". We also talked personally with several planning committees involved in such action.

After a thorough study of all aspects, the Committee makes the following recommendations:

(1) We continue with our present system of Departmental officials working in conjunction with the Selectmen and our Finance Committee making a determination of need and bringing recommendations to the Town Meetings.

(2) The major change that the Committee recommends is that any requests made to the Finance Committee and Selectmen be made as far in advance as possible. What we are suggesting is that departments planning programs in the future, bring their intentions before the Selectmen and Finance Boards early to give them ample time to make a complete study.

This Committee feels that our Finance Board has been performing satisfactorily in bringing financial information before the Town Meetings. And, by earlier cooperation from Town Departments, we feel the Finance members are capable of serving the Town needs without the formation of an additional committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Mayberry
Donald Henderson
Ronald Findlay
Fernand Caron
Nancy Knipe
Ralph Leach, Secretary
Stanley Wickey, Chairman

Capital Improvements Program
Study Committee

TOWN WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the
County of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in said Northfield on Monday the second day of May next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

Town Clerk for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, one School Committee member for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Planning Board member for five years, one Planning Board member for two years, one Board of Health member for three years, three Constables at Large for three years, one Constable (from Northfield Farms) for three years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, and two Recreation Commissioners for three years.

The polls will open at ten A.M. and close at eight P.M.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, May 3, 1977 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 17, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said fiscal year, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ legal counsel for general purposes and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or other legal action brought against the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100E of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, to indemnify the Selectmen and any other municipal officers designated by the Board of Selectmen for expense or damages incurred by such an official or officer in the defense or settlement of a claim against him, provided such claim arose when such official or officer was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and further provided that the defense or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the Town Counsel, or by an attorney legally employed for the purpose by the Town, or by an attorney furnished by an insurer obligated under the terms of a policy of insurance to defend the Town against such claim, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year '78, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for other necessary charges, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

APPROPRIATIONS

	<u>FY 1978</u>
Moderator, Salary & Expense	\$ 100.00
Selectmen	2750.00
Chairman	950.00
Other Members	900.00
Expense	2000.00
Secretary	2667.00
Accountant	4000.00
Expense	175.00
Legal Expense	4500.00
Treasurer	2415.00
Expense	1250.00
Tax Collector	2278.00
Expense	2000.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	350.00
Protection of Tax Title Property	25.00
Assessors	2560.00
Chairman	890.00
Others	835.00
Expense	1700.00
(+ Filing Cabinet)	100.00
Town Clerk	1365.00
Expense	200.00
Election & Registration	2500.00
Planning Board Expense	700.00
Board of Appeals Expense	200.00
Nurse & Substitute	13000.00
Nurse's Expense	800.00
Homemaker/Home Health Aide Services	5000.00
Clerk	2667.00
Car Expense	700.00
Inspection of Animals	477.00
Sewer Commissioner's Salary	618.00
Each Commissioner	206.00
Sewer Commission Expense	75.00
Operation & Maintenance of Sewers	25050.00

Highway Supt. Expense	750.00
Highway Tools	1500.00
Highway Sick Leave, Vacations, Holidays	7000.00
Sidewalks	1000.00
Street Lights	30000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	50.00
Soldier's Relief	4500.00
Elementary School Committee Salaries	835.00
Finance Committee Expense	150.00
Town Hall	10000.00
Police Chief Salary	13900.00
Special Police Salaries	6200.00
Police Dept. Operating Exp. & Equip.	8000.00
Police Dept. Secretary	2666.00
Conservation Commission Expense	200.00
Fire Department Salaries	750.00
Fire Chief	\$440.00
Forest Fire Warden	180.00
Secretary	130.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expense	8500.00
Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment	2500.00
Hydrants	500.00
Water Holes	1000.00
Maintenance of Fire Station & Garage	4000.00
Public Safety	100.00
Wire Inspector	100.00
Tree Trimming & Planting	2700.00
Dutch Elm Control	2000.00
Insect & Pest Control	413.06
Dog Officer & Expense	400.00
Board of Health	618.00
Each Member	\$206.00
Health	2000.00
Dump Control	9500.00
Elementary Schools	376513.00
PVRS Capital	---
PVRS Operating	415931.12
Franklin County Technical School Dist. Capital	19066.93
Franklin County Technical School Dist. Operating	102744.99
Town Reports	1500.00
Memorial & Veterans Day	525.00
Alexander Hall	400.00
Insurance	30000.00
Chapter 32B	18000.00
Town Clock	150.00
Land Damage	100.00
Historical Society Building	200.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	600.00
Recreation Commission Program	6860.00
Cemeteries	5000.00
Slate House	---
Interest	100.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Building Commissioner	4000.00
Expense	450.00
Dickinson Memorial Library	22730.00

Field Library	250.00
Reserve Fund, Chap. 59, Sec. 25 (to be transferred from Overlay Reserve)	8000.00
Stabilization Fund, Chap. 40, Sec. 5b	

The Finance Committee Recommends.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of and to the Board of Assessors, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the Massachusetts General Laws, and/or to employ a Clerk, and for this purpose, to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the salary of such employee, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$1890.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1890.00.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept and transfer any sum or sums of money provided by the County, designated as the 'Dog Fund', to the Dickinson Memorial Library in accord with the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 172, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount to be transferred: \$341.32

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$341.32.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$986.63 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing state aid for free public libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760, Acts of 1960, as amended, and appropriate said sum for use of Dickinson Memorial Library, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the replacement of the present heating system at the Dickinson Memorial Library, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$6000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$6000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the continuation of indexing and microfilming of Town or historical records or memorabilia of the Town's history and development, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$1200.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$1200.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purchase of storage equipment and supplies for cataloguing and preserving all historical and valuable records of the

Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$200.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$200.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the excavation and laying of pipe for water service from Pine Street to the Northfield Historical Society Museum, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$400.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money to purchase fish to be liberated into the streams of the Town of Northfield, under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$300.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of providing Mental Health and Retardation services for citizens of the Town, and that any sum so appropriated be transferred to the Franklin-Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund under the direction and approval of the School Committee or the Board of Health, or under their joint direction, or whomever else may be designated by the Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2431.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2431.00.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money to the Franklin County Home Care Corporation for the purpose of providing home care and nutrition services to Senior Citizens of the Town of Northfield, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$1500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with David Quinn of Northfield, Massachusetts, or his nominee, to provide ambulance service to residents of the Town, such contract to be for a term not to exceed one (1) year, for an amount not to exceed Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000.00.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Northfield Mount Hermon School, a Massachusetts Corporation, a sum of \$2500.00 to be appropriated for and applied to the Town expenditure for Fiscal Year '78 under the Town's contract for the provision of ambulance service, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Committee appointed to study the Cemetery needs of the Town, including acquisition of additional land therefor, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for Snow Removal, such sum or sums not necessarily to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$26500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer from available funds the sum of \$26500.00.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any funds available for Chapter 90-type work, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any funds available as the result of a comprehensive Highway Mass Transit and Local Highway Aid program, to be distributed to cities and towns for state-aid highway purposes for Fiscal Year '78, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for Machinery Maintenance, such sum or sums not necessarily to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$34000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer from available funds the sum of \$34000.00.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for General Highway Maintenance, such sum or sums not necessarily to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$45000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer from available funds the sum of \$45000.00.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from its Machinery Earnings Account any sum or sums of money therein, to its Machinery Maintenance Account for purposes specified but not limited to those contained in Article 22 of the within Warrant, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount to be transferred: \$3000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$3000.00.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money to be used to continue reconstructing the surface of Gulf Road, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$20000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$20000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for necessary major repairs to Four Mile Brook Road within the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$14000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$14000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purchase of a used Grader and related equipment for the Highway Department, trade in or dispose of the present grader, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$19000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$19000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the purchase of a 3-man custom pumper Fire Truck and related equipment and appurtenances to be used by the Northfield Fire Department, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the current 1953 Maxim Fire Truck, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$77000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10000.00 and to transfer the sum of \$67000.00 from the Stabilization Fund.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of spraying or other means, wetland areas, to dispose of larvae and adult mosquitoes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$3000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$3000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for surveying the two (2) parcels of land accepted as a gift to the Town of Northfield from William A. Sandri, President and Treasurer of Dunnell Fuels, Incorporated, under Articles 56 and 57 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 4, 1976, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the transportation of radioactive waste materials within the limits of the Town of Northfield, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for pointing and repairing the entire parapet wall around Town Hall and topping and pointing chimney for furnace, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purchase of draperies for the windows in the dining room of the Town Hall, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$1000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town Accountant to establish an account for the payment of paper and supplies for the office copy machine, and for this purpose raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for payment of same, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$800.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money to provide for additional or improved street lighting along Warwick Road within the Town, all in accord with a plan or plans on file with the Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$200.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purpose of surveying certain Town ways and properties, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$5000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000.00.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Chapter 41, Section 23A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, which reads as follows, or take any action in relation thereto:

'A town may by vote or by-law authorize and empower the selectmen to appoint an executive secretary who may be appointed by them for a term of one or three years and to remove him at their

discretion. An executive secretary appointed under the provisions of this section shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties. During the time that he holds office he shall hold no elective town office, but he may be appointed by the selectmen or, with their approval, by any other town officer, board, committee, or commission, to any other town office or position consistent with his office. He shall receive such aggregate compensation, not exceeding the amount appropriated therefor, as the selectmen may determine. He shall act by and for the selectmen in any matter which they may assign to him relating to the administration of the affairs of the town or of any town office or department under their supervision and control, or, with the approval of the selectmen, may perform such other duties as may be requested of him by any other town officer, board, committee or commission.'

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to appoint an Executive Secretary, to be called an Executive Administrator, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 23A of the General Laws, said Executive Administrator to be appointed for a term not to exceed two (2) years, and for this purpose raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, the sum of \$16000.00 per year for the salary and expenses, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$16000.00 for Fiscal Year '78 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Regulation By-Law for the Town of Northfield as follows, or take any action in relation thereto:

1. Amend Section 2. Definitions by adding the definition of "dwelling unit" (and "family"), to read as follows:

Dwelling Unit. A building or portion of a building intended as living quarters for a single family, having a single set of kitchen facilities (a stove plus either or both a refrigerator and sink) not shared with any other unit.

Family. Any number of individuals related by blood or marriage, or not more than (eight) persons not so related, living and cooking together in a single housekeeping unit.

2. Amend Section 4(b)5 so that it reads "5. Multi-family dwellings containing (three) or more dwelling units, as provided in Section 9."

3. Amend Section 5(e) by deleting it and substituting the following:

"(e) For multi-family dwellings, see Section 9. Multi-family Dwellings."

4. Add a new Section 9 to read as follows:

Section 9. Multi-family Dwellings. The Board of Appeals may grant a special permit for the construction and occupancy of a multi-family dwelling provided that the following requirements are met.

(a) Applicants shall submit a site plan prepared by a registered architect, landscape architect, or engineer, showing existing topography and proposed topography, structures, access, parking, areas of retained vegetation and new landscaping,

drainage, water supply, and sewage disposal; and shall submit floor plans and architectural elevations of proposed buildings.

(b) Location must be on a Class A lot as defined in Sec. 5(a), and have direct access to a way laid out not less than sixty feet wide, (and not be within 1000 feet of another lot used for multi-family dwellings).

(c) Lot area must equal not less than (12,000) square feet per dwelling unit.

(d) Building height shall not exceed two stories and shall not exceed thirty-five feet, as measured by vertical distance from the mean finished grade of adjoining ground to the highest point of the roof for flat or shed roofs, the deck line for mansard roofs, the mean height between eaves and ridge for gable, hip, and gambrel roofs. Not included are spires, cupolas, TV antennae, or other parts of structures which do not enclose potentially habitable floor space.

(e) There shall be not more than four dwelling units in a single structure, and no such structure shall be closer to another than its building height.

(f) Site design shall minimize topographic changes and removal of existing trees or other important natural features.

(g) Visibility of parking areas shall be minimized through use of building placement, topography, or vegetative screening.

(h) At least three of the following characteristics of the proposed design must exist on one or more existing structures in the vicinity: roof type, roof pitch, predominant wall color, predominant wall material.

(i) The Special Permit shall be granted only if the Board of Appeals makes written determination that the proposal will not have adverse effects which overbalance its beneficial effects on either the neighborhood or the town. The determination shall indicate consideration of each of the following:

- * community and regional housing needs which are served by the proposal
- * traffic flow and safety
- * adequacy of utilities
- * neighborhood character
- * protection of the natural environment
- * potential fiscal impact.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the cost of engineering services, plans, and specifications for a sanitary sewerage system within the Village of Northfield based on, but not limited to, recommendations contained in a Report by Tighe & Bond Consulting Engineers, for the Town of Northfield; said sum or sums of money to be expended by the Board of Sewer Commissioners and, further, the amount of any borrowing under this Article shall be reduced by the amount of any Federal and/or State aid received to meet the costs of the project, and the Board of Sewer Commissioners be hereby authorized to apply and contract for such aid;

and, further, to take all action necessary to carry out the intent of this Article; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$26500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26500.00.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint an additional full-time Police Officer under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 96 of the General Laws, and for this purpose, raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the salary and departmental expenses, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$15000.00

The Finance Committee do not recommend.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to establish an Energy Conservation Committee for the purpose of studying and recommending energy conservation policies to the Town and its citizens; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of no fewer than five (5) citizens and not more than nine (9) citizens; and further, said committee to prepare a report and present the same at the next Annual Town Meeting, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept any or all of the following sums of money, for the following purposes; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

- (a) From Marjorie P. Musinski & Elizabeth P. White, for Perpetual Care of Lot #4 in Mt. Hermon Cemetery, the sum of \$100.00.
- (b) From Charles F. Lincoln, 13 Pray Drive, Greenfield, Mass., for Perpetual Care of Lot #83½ in Northfield Farms Cemetery, the sum of \$100.00.
- (c) From Edward J. McKenna, 296 High St., Greenfield, Mass., for Perpetual Care of Lot #107½ in Northfield Farms Cemetery, the sum of \$100.00.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Trustee, or provide for the election of a Trustee for a period of not less than five (5) nor more than ten (10) years, in accord with the provisions of paragraph 5 of the will of Fred W. Wells, for the purpose of investing the income of a Trust established under said will, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to use from available funds, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for Fiscal Year '78, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the U. S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the 'Barnes' Service Station, West Northfield, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy seven.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD

Fernand A. Caron, Chairman
Carolyn B. Parenteau
Edward I. Metcalf

A True copy ATTEST:

CONSTABLE

Joseph G. Morgan

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